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IMPERIAL FORCES CAPTURE TOBRUK: ITALIAN DEFENCES ARE OVER-RUN IN 30 HOURS

Hundred Thousand Prisoners Taken Since Campaign Began

TOBRUK HAS FALLEN COMPLETELY INTO THE HANDS OF BRITISH IMPERIAL FORCES AND THE CAPTURE HAS RESULTED IN THE TAKING OF 14,000 PRISONERS AS WELL AS 200 GUNS. BRITISH CASUALTIES WERE UNDER 500, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

Since Dec. 9, when the Army of the Nile, under GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, first operated against the Italians in Northern Africa, 100,000 PRISONERS have been taken and 11 Italian divisions rendered ineffective.

The loss of Tobruk, according to a Reuter report, is a serious blow to the Italians for it is recalled that two weeks ago, Signor Gayda expressed confidence in the town's resistance. He said that Italians would offer stiff resistance.

A British correspondent, quoted in a London message, stated that if the Empire forces had had one more hour they could have entered the town the same day as the attack on Tobruk was made.

THANKSGIVING ON SUNDAY

In celebration of the victory at Tobruk, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, has asked the heads of all Churches throughout the Dominions to observe Sunday as a day of thanksgiving and remembrance.

He said: "We must not overlook the fact that although casualties were small each casualty is a great blow to a family or a circle of friends." —(Special)

Eye-Witness Account

An eye-witness account of the BATTLE FOR TOBRUK was sent yesterday by the B.B.C. observer with the Imperial Forces, Mr. Edward Ward.

This report was included in a London message which stated as follows:—

At 2.30 a.m. the R.A.F. were giving Tobruk defences the most terrific pounding he had ever heard. The noise of the bombing was tremendous. At 6 a.m., which was zero hour, the artillery started while reconnaissance planes did wonderful work.

The Lysanders did not seem to mind the terrific barrage of A.A. fire which made the sky at times look almost as if it had measles.

SORTING MAIL

Mr. Ward continued: "I went back to Australian brigade headquarters and found one of the orderlies calmly sorting the mail. A signaller told me that they had got 5,000 prisoners. The battle had been going on for less than four hours. The brigadier told me that if I wanted to move up the perimeter I could do so with him.

"We were not far from the perimeter when I saw the first of many hordes of prisoners. There were about 2,000 to 3,000 of them and there were no guards but at the end of the long line came one soldier with bayonet fixed who grinned and gave us the thumbs up."

ADMIRAL CAPTURED

The brigadier told Mr. Ward that he had been asked to capture an Admiral from the German fleet, which was lying in the harbour. The brigadier laughed and said that he had not arrested an Admiral before he did not know how to go about it. Later the party, with Mr. Ward and other correspondents, captured two Italian officers and ten men. When Mr. Ward was within half-a-mile of Tobruk he saw black smoke coming up from the far side of the harbour.

Two Italian coastal guns were gallantly but hopelessly returning shot for shot from the British naval units.

The Italians fought harder than at Bardia as they had the advantage of stronger positions.

The Royal Navy and Royal Air Force had a big share in the attack and Italian planes did not even try to intervene.

Three ships in Tobruk harbour are ashore and burning furiously, including an Italian cruiser, a liner of 8,000 tons and an oil tanker.

The Free French forces which entered Tobruk with the Imperial troops, were composed of a detachment from Cyprus, according to the Independent French agency.

Until the armistice, France had placed this force at the disposal of British units defending Cyprus. The detachment was brought from Syria by Gen. Delamainat.

They were the forefront attack both in Sidi Barrani and Bardia.

GRAPHIC ACCOUNTS

British wireless adds that graphic accounts are published in the Press of the fall of Tobruk which the Australians entered at noon on Wednesday—30 hours after the attack started.

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DERNA HEAVILY RAIDED

Derna was heavily raided by R.A.F. bombers on Monday night, states an R.A.F. communiqué.

Several tons of bombs were dropped on barracks and large fires were started which were visible 80 miles away. Barracks, 70 miles beyond Derna, were also bombed.

Continuous aircraft patrols covered the army advance. There were further raids on Assab and Adab.

There was also British air activity in Albania. —(Special)

KING BORIS SINCERE

Col. William Donovan, President Roosevelt's personal representative, has left Sofia for Belgrade. He told newspapermen that he had formed the highest opinion of all the members of the Bulgarian Government and that King Boris was a sincere, sympathetic and democratic King. —(Special)

Twenty-first Raid On Dusseldorf

POLISH PILOT DAMAGES FIVE MESSERSCHMITTS

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT ITS 21ST RAID ON DUSSELDORF ON WEDNESDAY, states a London message. Dusseldorf, it will be recalled, was attacked on two successive nights six weeks ago when a raid was made on a big iron and steel works.

An Air Ministry communiqué states that during the past 24 hours day and night raids were made by the R. A. F. while bad weather restricted enemy air activity over Britain on Wednesday night.

In spite of adverse weather, the communiqué adds, small forces of British bombers on Wednesday night attacked targets at Dusseldorf and in the Ruhr.

Aerodromes in enemy occupied territory were also bombed.

Fighter sweeps were carried out on Wednesday afternoon between the Straits of Dover and the Somme. The planes were not engaged by the enemy and all returned safely.

POLISH PILOTS

Six Polish pilots took part in the raids on enemy occupied territory. One of them fired on small motorboats off the French coast and on his return flight machine-gunned Le Bouquet aerodrome and damaged five Messerschmitts on the ground. He

showered his remaining ammunition into an anti-aircraft battery.

This pilot also machine-gunned a convoy of 30 military lorries on the road and six more Messerschmitts on the ground.

From all these operations one British aircraft failed to return.

SMALL ACTIVITY

There was small enemy activity over Eastern counties on Wednesday night and an Air Ministry communiqué states that a few bombs were dropped. For the third night in succession there was no alert sounded in London.

A Junkers plane, crashed into the North Sea after it had been attacked by three Hurricanes led by a famous, legless squadron leader who has already won the D. S. O. and D. F. C. —(Special)

The Fight For Survival

"In Britain alone can we breathe as free men and even in little Greece they can breathe freely only because they are determined to fight," declared Lord Croft, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the War Office, in a speech yesterday, states a London message.

Lord Croft added that Britain was fighting for survival against a terrific military enemy. Britain had survived because each blow had found the country more firmly strengthened and resolved and it was we who were doing the attacking now against the Italians. —(Special)

ALL MALTA CALLED TO ARMS

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—All Malta is called to arms under a decree issued by the Governor-General, LIEUT.-GENERAL W. G. S. DOBBIE.

The Governor announced that the German and Italian air attacks and the threat of invasion have created a situation demanding the services of the whole community.

Units similar to pioneer corps were formed to construct any defence works required, and men of suitable ages are enrolled for local defence forces.

SEVERE HANDLING

The fact there was no big raid since Sunday is regarded as an indication the Luftwaffe has received a severe handling by the R.A.F., amplified by raids on Sicilian bases and it is hoped the fall of Tobruk, with the use of Italian bases would provide useful support for Malta.

The full enabled the Maltese to adjust themselves to the new conditions.

In Sunday's first attack, the Germans displayed bravado by arm-waving as if saluting the island fortress and, it is believed, carried Italian pilots for passengers for showing "how it is done" but after losing 19 machines, later attacks were more circumspectly made.

REPLY TO PREMIER

LONDON, Jan. 23 (BWS).—The Acting Governor of Malta has sent a spirited reply to the Prime Minister's telegram congratulating the people of Malta on their heroic defence.

It says: "Your telegram is greatly appreciated by the garrison and people of Malta. By God's help, we will not weaken. We are glad to contribute to the victory which we know is sure and certain."

(TOKYO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Admiral Nomura, new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, who left for Washington today, was given an impressive send-off.

Today's News Summary

OVER-RUNNING THE ITALIAN DEFENCES IN 30 HOURS, the Imperial Forces captured Tobruk on Wednesday. The loss is a serious blow to the Italians who put up a harder fight than at Bardia. Thousands of prisoners and hundreds of guns were captured. In celebration of the victory, thanksgiving services will be held in all Churches in Australia.

A SENSATION WAS CAUSED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Shanghai Ratepayers' Association yesterday when a Japanese fired at Mr. W. J. Keswick, head of Jardine's, at point blank range. Mr. Keswick was not seriously injured. Two Japanese Councilors were also wounded.

CONTROL OF THE ARMY IN RUMANIA HAS BEEN RESTORED by General Antonescu, the Prime Minister. Two rebels were shot in Bucharest and 19 in two other towns. It is reported.

THE ITALIANS ARE PLANNING A LARGE-SCALE COUNTER-ATTACK in Albania. Skeleton Italian divisions have arrived at the Yugoslav frontier and crack Alpine troops have been landed by plane.

DAY AND NIGHT RAIDS WERE CARRIED OUT by the Royal Air Force on Wednesday and Dusseldorf was attacked for the 21st time.

AUSSIES RUSH TO JOIN ARMY

The recruiting of more and more men for the Australian army is going on unceasingly, states a message from Sydney. The rush of applicants to join the Air Force has astounded the authorities. —(Special)

WHISPERING CAMPAIGN

The German-controlled press in Vichy have launched a violent attack against Marshal Petain's advisors and urged that M. Laval should be reinstated and that those who plotted against him be arrested.

The German-controlled police arrested 50 persons in an endeavour to curb a whispering campaign but there are no indications of the rumours alleged to be spread. —(Special)

CRACK ALPINE TROOPS LANDED BY AEROPLANE

The Italians are planning large-scale counter-attacks in Albania, states a London message.

More Italian skeleton divisions are arriving on the Yugoslav frontier and crack Alpine troops are being landed by aeroplane.

Four Italian counter-attacks were repelled by the Greeks during the day with heavy losses to the enemy. The Italians are trying to regain vital positions in the centre sector.

The Greeks have taken 150 more prisoners most of whom are reported to be in a pitiable state of health. —(Special)

Iron Guards Brought Under Control

INCESSANT FIGHTING IN MANY PARTS OF BUCHAREST

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT BY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, GENERAL ANTONESCU, the Rumanian Prime Minister, had established a certain measure of control over the Iron Guards. The Prefecture of Police is now under Government control.

Incessant fighting was reported in Bucharest but the situation appeared to be quiet, states a London message.

Trains are running under control of the military authorities but one railway station is in the hands of the rebels.

A report suggesting that German troops are co-operating with the Government forces is entirely without confirmation in London.

COMPLETE FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPT TO STOP PROSTITUTION

Closure Of Licensed Houses Resulted In Increase Of Street Walkers And V.D.

(Special to the "Hongkong Daily Press")

WHEN GOVERNMENT, IN 1933, ORDERED THE CLOSURE OF LICENSED HOUSES IN ALL RED LIGHT DISTRICTS THEY FONDLY, AND PIOUSLY, BELIEVED THAT THAT WOULD BE THE END OF PROSTITUTION IN HONGKONG, or that, at least, the ranks of this—one of the oldest professions in the world—would be so depleted as to enable Government to wash their hands over this inhuman trafficking of human beings.

This great experiment—sponsored, no doubt, by some ultra-pure-minded member of the Executive Council—is now in its eighth year: what results, what phenomenal reforms, has it accomplished?

That changes, great changes, have taken place in the local world of prostitution no one, however unobservant or unmindful of this question, can honestly deny. But the changes have not been what Government expected—though, from the experiences of sister-colonies, should have been foreseen.

Not only has the number of prostitutes been increasing at an alarming rate—until today there are, at a very rough estimate, over 40,000 of these unfortunate females—but with it the more serious increase in the number of V.D. cases. (The latter subject will

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Col. Bingham Relieved Of Command

Capt. H. D. G. Margesson, Secretary for War, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that Col. Bingham, who was in charge of an officers' training unit, had committed a breach of the King's Regulations, states a London message.

"I have decided that this officer is no longer suitable to be in charge of an officers' training unit and I have taken steps to relieve him of his command," said Capt. Margesson.

The announcement was the outcome of a statement made by Col. Bingham that officers were being recruited from the middle class and had fallen down on their jobs. Col. Bingham's views were vigorously contested in the public Press. —(Special)

FRITZ THYSEN ARRESTED

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The financier, Fritz Thyssen, former backer of Herr Hitler, was handed to the Gestapo by the French Police, according to the DAILY EXPRESS.

With his wife, they were taken from Cannes Hotel on Dec. 20 in an automobile to the frontier of Nazi-France, where the German police took over the prisoners.

MAHARAJAH'S GIFT

The Maharajah of Mysore has donated £37,500 for the purchase of aircraft and £7,500 to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the Relief of Air Raid Distress, states a message.

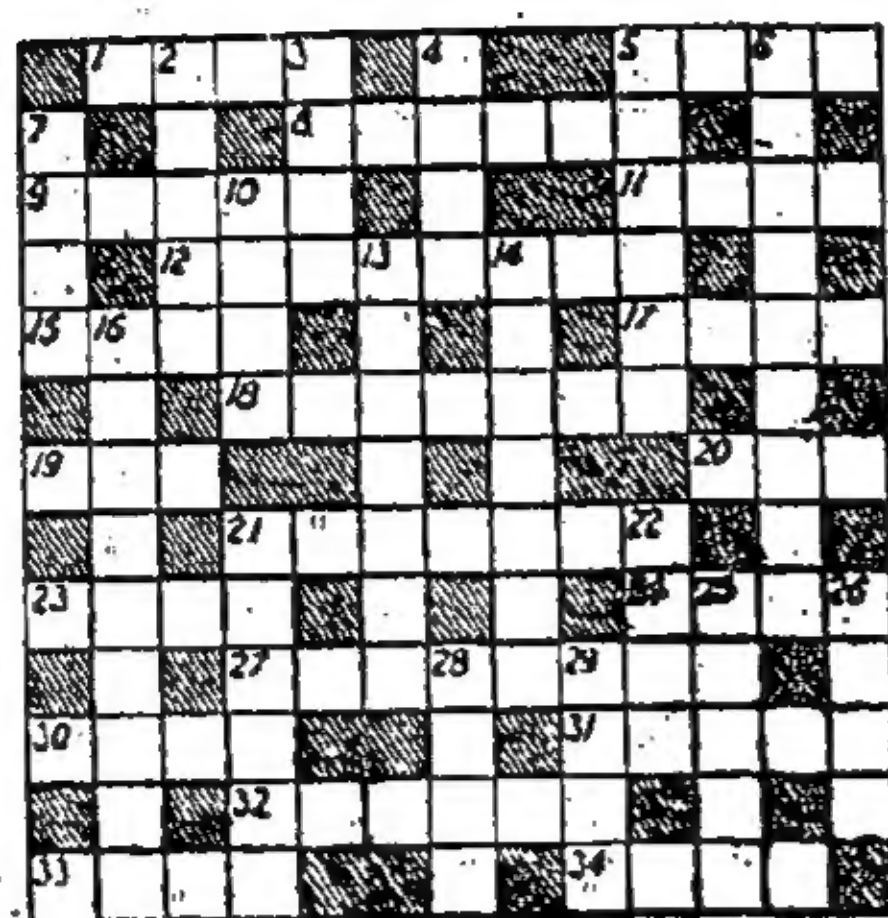
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CROSSWORD NO. 814

ACROSS
1 Hit
5 Renown
8 Opposed
9 Fortunate
11 Fuss
12 Teach
15 Part of wall
17 Existence
18 Dispute
19 At present
20 Piece
21 Animal
23 Indian city
24 In 'Othello'
27 Agricultural enclosure
30 Quarrel
31 Condition
32 Scottish town
33 Lake
34 Observed



DOWN
2 Clear
3 Methods
4 Rip
5 Condition
6 Making
7 Dressed
10 Be aware
13 Cinema
14 Wicked
15 Close to
16 Foil
22 Encircled
25 Proverb
26 Portent
28 Repeat
29 Invites

SOLUTION TOMORROW

Solution No. 813

ACROSS: 4, Scrapped; 8, Extols; 9, Bargain; 11, Jargon; 14, Bee; 15, Tamed; 17, Armed; 18, Rues; 19, Goats; 21, Funny; 25, Bison; 26, Negus; 16, Donor; 20, Annoy; 21, Dupe; 27, Felon; 28, Rover; 30, Rag; 32, Yankee; 33, Recalls; 34, Missed; 35, Defends.
DOWN: 1, Perjury; 2, Started; 3, Gloom; 5, Crab; 6, Angers; 7, Exiled; 10, Ready; 12, Gas; 13, Goats; 21, Funny; 25, Bison; 26, Negus; 16, Donor; 20, Annoy; 21, Dupe; 27, Felon; 28, Rover; 30, Rag; 32, Yankee; 33, Recalls; 34, Missed; 35, Defends.

Radio Programmes

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'THEATRELAND' AND OTHER LONDON RELAYS

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30. Film Selections.
"Sweet Devil"—Selection—Pembroke Davenport (Piano). "Goldwyn Follies"—Selection (Gershwin)—Louis Levy & His Orchestra with Vocal. "Sing, You Sinners"—Selection—"Carefree"—Selection—Dudley Beaven (Organ). "St. Louis Blues"—Let's Dream in the Moonlight—Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Orchestra. The Great Ziegfeld—Selection—Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony with Vocal.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Three Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).
Candle Light (Cadmans-Lee Shippey). Love's Secret (Blaké-Bantock). O Gathering Clouds (arr. Balin).
1.13 The London Palladium Orchestra.
Echoes from the Puszta (Ferraris). Kiss Me Again (Victor Herbert). Childhood Memories (arr. Somers). Master Melodies—Medley.
1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast, and Announcements.
1.45 Dance Music by Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Comedy Fox-Trot—Little Audrey. Quickstep—Punchinello (from Music in my Heart). Fox-Trot—It's a Blue World (from "Music in my Heart"). Slow Fox-Trot—Indian Summer. Quickstep—Dancing is another name for Love (from "Come out to play"). Fox-Trots—The Singing Hills. In A Little Rocky Valley. Fox-Trot—They Gave Him a Gun to Play.
2.15 Close down.
2.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Compositions of Brahms. Variations On A Theme by Haydn ("St. Antoni Chorale"). Op. 55A. Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini. Waltzes—No. 7—12—Op. 39. Antonio Kitalin (Piano). Hungarian Dance No. 5—Wolff (Violin) with Piano acc.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."
7.30 Dance Music by Joe Loss and His Orchestra.
Blues—The Scene Changes; Quickstep—Got To Dance My Way to Heaven (film "It's love again"). Waltz—If I Should Fall in Love Again. Quickstep—Sweet Little Sweetheart; No Mama. No. Fox-Trots—"I've Got My Eyes On You (film Broadway Melody of 1940)". The Singing Hills. Quickstep—I Like Bananas. One-Step—Madam Ah! La Marquise-Ah!
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.07 "The Gay Nineties." Songs by Frank Luther with Zora Layman and the Century Quartet.
8.22 Robinson Crusoe at the Organ. Czardas (Monk); Canadian Capers (Cohen and Others). Medley—Intro: Boo-Hoo; Little old lady of Poverty Street; Red, White and Blue.
8.30 London Relay—Theatreland.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: Books & People.
9.45 Request Classical Programme. Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna—Overture: "Suppe"—State Opera Orchestra. O Charming Hour—The Dream (from "Manon"—Massenet)—Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra. Rustle of Spring, Op. 32, No. 2 (Sinding); Scherzo Improvisu, Op. 73, No. 2 (Grieg)—Eileen Joyce (Piano). One Fine Day (from "Madam Butterfly"—Puccini)—Rosetta Pampalini (Soprano) with Orchestra. Valse De Concert, Op. 47 (Glazounov)—San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. Passing By (Herrick and Purcell); The Gentle Maiden (arr. Somervell)—Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra. Fair Rosemary (Kreislner); Rondino (On a Theme by Beethoven)—Kreislner—Fritz Kreislner (Violin) with Piano acc. Grant, O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart)—Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) with Orchestra. "Divertimento Op. 17 in D Major (Mozart)—Sir Hamilton Hardy cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Dove Song: Vanish'd Are Ye (from "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart)—Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) with Orchestra.
11.00 Close down.

SHORT WAVE

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G.S.G. 17.79k.c. (18.85m).
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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.
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Transmission V—News Summary 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.
do. 9.00 p.m.
do. 12.00 mid-night
Trans. II & III—News Summary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

JAN.
24—Tides: High 8.04 a.m. and 7.07 p.m. Low 1.57 a.m. and 12.97 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 6.05 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Asia Lands, Ltd., annual meeting, Mercantile Bank Bldg., 2nd floor, Club, 8.15 p.m.
Old Cheltonian annual dinner, H.K. Club, 8.15 p.m.
Queen's College, Prize Day, 11 a.m. 12.30 p.m.
Demonstration by A.R.P., Peak School, 5.45 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: "Twelfth Night," 9.15 p.m.
Volunteer Nursing Detachment, First Aid Lecture, P.W.D. Board Room, 5.45 p.m.; Practical Class, 5 p.m.
Christ Church: Annual Meeting of Guild of Martha and Mary, 6 p.m.
H.K. University, Science Society, Lecture on "The Physics of the Weather" by Mr. G. S. P. Heywood, 8.30 p.m.
Cheong Club, Darts & Table Tennis.
25—Tides: High 9.06 a.m. and 7.58 p.m. Low 2.24 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.07 p.m.
Queen's College Prize Day, 11 a.m.
St. Andrew's Society, Burns' Dinner, Peninsula Hotel, 7.45 p.m.
H.K. English Forum Supper Dance, H.K. Hotel.
Kowloon Cricket Club Dance, 9.15 p.m.
Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, Distribution of New Year Gifts to Children under care of H.K.S.P.C.
26—Tides: High 9.49 a.m. and 8.45 p.m. Low 3.04 a.m. and 1.47 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.08 p.m.
Claims against estate of Charlotte Elizabeth Hastings due.
Y.M.C.A.: Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church: Special Service to Commemorate Australia and New Zealand Foundation Day, 11 a.m.
27—Tides: High 10.27 a.m. and 9.27 p.m. Low 3.39 a.m. and 2.36 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.09 p.m.
Chinese New Year—Bank Holiday.
Y.M.C.A.: Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
28—Tides: High 11.03 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Low 4.13 a.m. and 3.17 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.09 p.m.
Chinese New Year—Bank Holiday.
H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
29—Tides: High 11.38 a.m. and 10.45 p.m. Low 4.47 a.m. and 3.57 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.04 a.m.; Sunset: 6.10 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
H.K. Committee for Student Relief, Charity Bazaar, St. Paul's College, Pedder Hill.
30—Tides: High 12.08 a.m. and 11.14 p.m. Low 5.17 a.m. and 4.29 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.11 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
H.K. Committee for Student Relief, Charity Bazaar, St. Paul's College, Pedder Hill.

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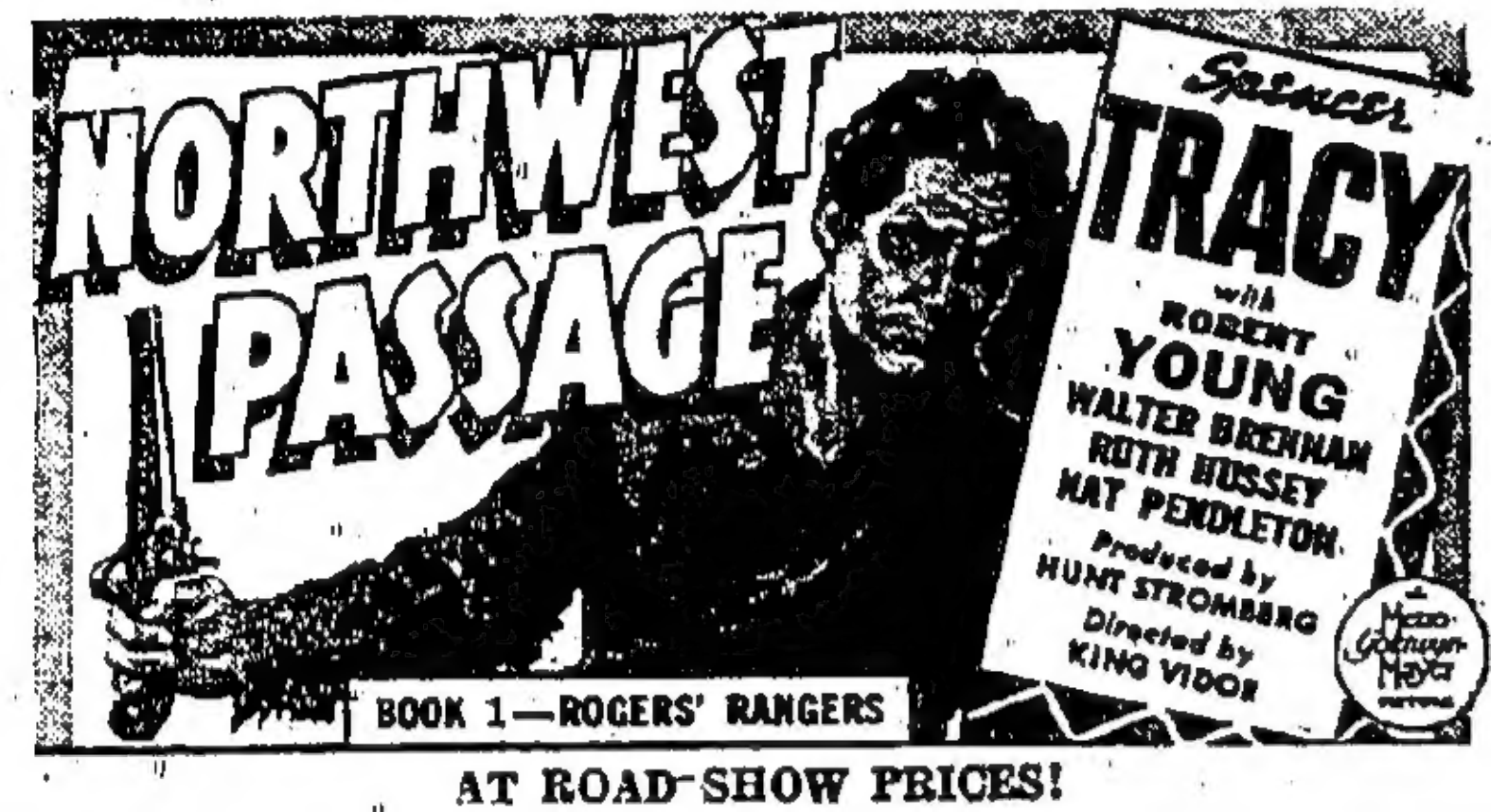
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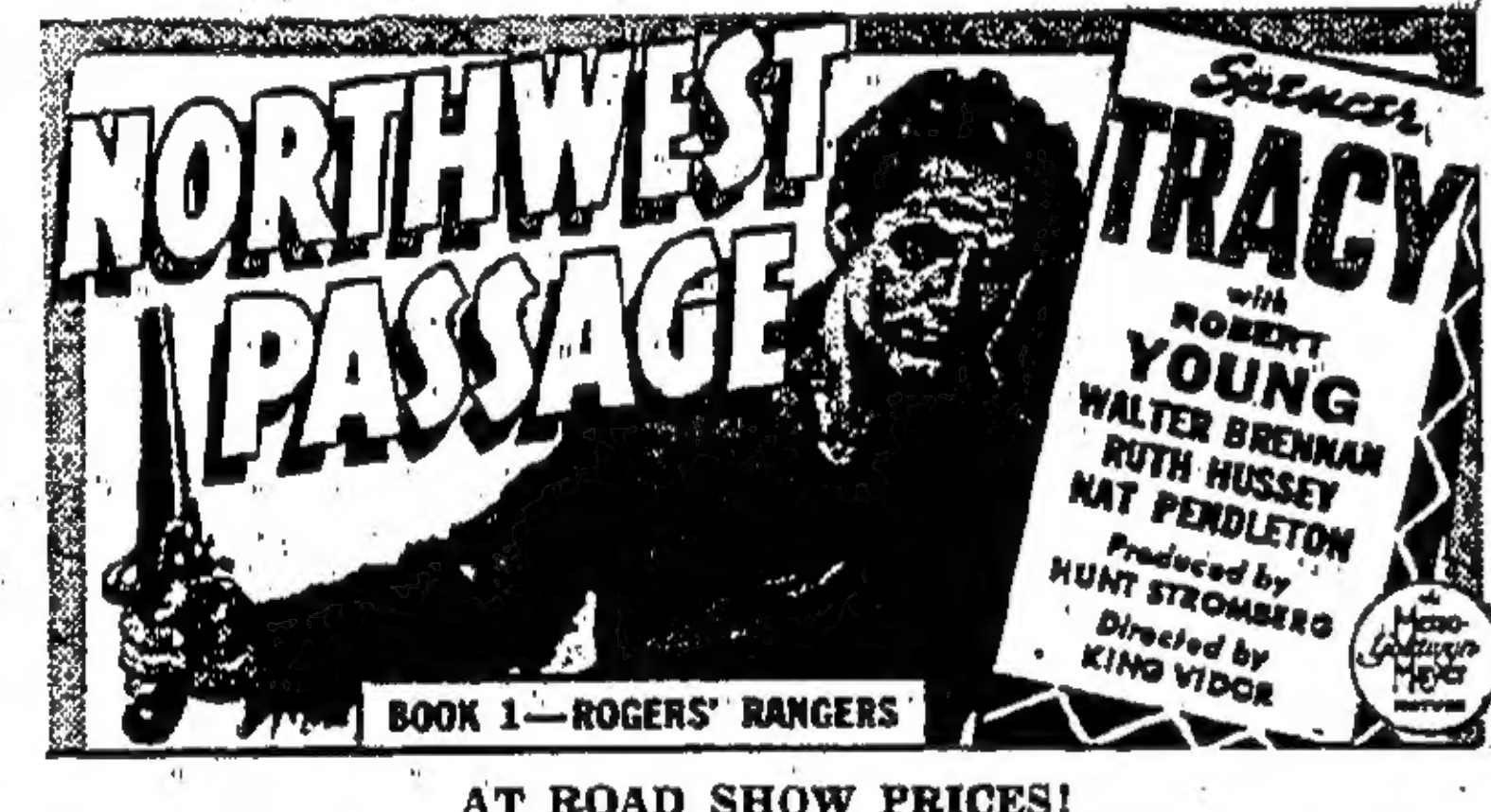
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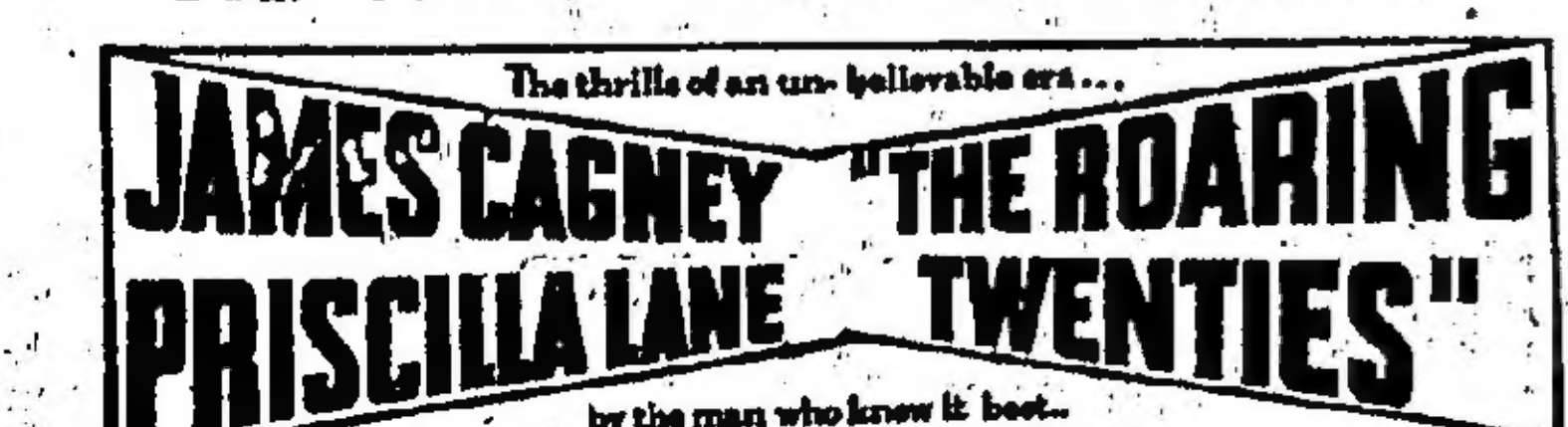
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SUPPRESSION OF DAILY WORKER PROVOKES DEBATE IN COMMONS

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The suppression of the Communist newspaper Daily Worker, provoked a miniature debate at question-time in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said, that the action of the authorities was not taken because of any recent change or development in the character of this publication nor because of the appearance in it of some particular articles, but because it had been for a long period the settled policy of the Daily Worker to try to create a state of mind in which readers would refrain from co-operating in the national war effort and become ready to hinder that effort.

It was his firm conviction that the freedom of the press should be maintained even at the risk that it may sometimes be abused. But there is a wide difference between accepting such occasional risks and allowing the continuous publication of newspapers whose deliberate purpose is to weaken the will of the people to achieve victory in the most momentous struggle in our history.

The object of its propaganda, is to cause the downfall of the democratic constitutional government regardless of the consequences to the fate of Britain and her allies. Before the Government took action there had been a long period of forebearance.

The Communist, Mr. W. Gallagher, asked whether the Government's action coincided with the "introduction of proposals to conscript labour" and was meant to suppress all opposition to that proposal.

Mr. Morrison said that there was not the slightest connexion between the two subjects. When the decision was reached to suppress the Daily Worker he had not the slightest knowledge that the other proposal was coming forward.

The Labour member, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, asked whether an opportunity would be given to discuss the matter in the House.

The Premier intervened to say that if there was sufficient desire to debate the matter naturally an opportunity would be given, and he hoped that the matter would be pressed to a division so "that we may clearly see what is the balance of opinion in the House."

BALED-OUT AIRMEN MACHINE-GUNNED

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Twelve attacks have been made on British airmen after they had baled out from their machines Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary for Air, told the House of Commons in reply to a question.

Sir Archibald said that there was firm evidence to show that at least twelve such contemptible attacks had been made and in four of them the airmen may have been killed.

Asked whether in view of the fact that such a practice was repugnant to airmen of whatever nationality, some representation might be made through a neutral government to the German and Italian governments, Sir Archibald said that he was not hopeful of such representations.

MAY ESCAPE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

LONDON, Jan. 23 (British Wireless).—Medical experts are hopeful from a study of figures of the recent weeks, that Britain may escape the influenza epidemic this winter.

The period in which the next wave might be expected has nearly expired and, if it does not spread through the country in the next few days, an escape may reasonably be expected.

While the figures for whooping cough, and cerebro spinal fever for the week ended Jan. 11 show a slight increase on those of Dec. 7, the corresponding figures for scarlet fever, diphtheria and measles show a decrease.

SEAPLANE BASES IN BERMUDA

Islands Leased To United States

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Two islands in the Bermuda group are to be leased to the United States for 99 years for use as flying boat bases.

They are Morgan and Tucker Islands.

The Colonial Office states that when it was announced that an agreement had been reached on certain sites to be leased to the United States for bases in Bermuda in the British West Indies, it was stated in regard to Bermuda that the United States had also asked for the use of one or more islands in the Great Sound.

Agreement was reached regarding the latter.

New German Minister To Rumania

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The new German Minister to Rumania was expected to arrive in Bucharest yesterday evening, says a Bucharest despatch to the Italian official news agency.

The Greek who killed Major Doehring, a member of the German Military Mission, is reported to have been shot after a court-martial.

Fifteen Greeks are said to have been arrested for examination.

TOBRUK, ITALIAN STRONGHOLD IN LIBYA, CAPTURED BY IMPERIAL FORCES

Thousands Of War Prisoners & Material Claimed Taken

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Imperial troops are now in the actual streets of Tobruk although fighting continues in the western section of the outer perimeter. Tobruk contained at least one division with a small element of another division and also permanent garrison troops and heavy additional artillery.

With the mopping up of the Tobruk forces, Marshal Graziani has now lost two-thirds of the total Italian forces which were in Libya when operations first started on Dec. 9.

The forces eliminated comprised an equivalent of eight Blackshirt or Metropolitan divisions and three Libyan divisions.

Supporting the Army attack R.A.F. bombers raided Tobruk during the night of Jan. 20 states an R.A.F. communique.

FALL OF TOBRUK

LONDON, JAN. 23 (REUTER).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT TOBRUK HAS FALLEN AND THAT THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS WELL AS MUCH WAR MATERIAL.

Bombs were dropped on anti-aircraft batteries, two of which ceased firing, and on the crossroads north-east of El Gubbi landing ground.

VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS

Violent explosions occurred among the buildings. British fighter patrols were very active throughout the day but no contact was made with the enemy.

In Albania, military objectives in El Bassan were raided yesterday. High explosive and incendiary bombs fell within the target area. Military buildings and a railway line were hit. There were violent explosions close to the railway.

Anti-aircraft opposition was encountered and enemy fighters were active.

POWER STATION BOMBED

In Italian East Africa, Massawa was raided on the night of January 20, the power station and a large factory being the particular targets.

The railway station at Aisha was attacked yesterday, the bombs straddling the track. A direct hit was registered on a large building.

Troop-laden lorries were machine-gunned near Adag. Several fires were started at Buray during a night raid on camps and forts.

Rhodesian aircraft machine-gunned enemy motor transport on the road between Keru and Bisha, causing considerable damage.

South African Air Force planes successfully raided Javello and scored hits on enemy bombers.

The British aircraft returned safely from all operations.

NAVY'S PART

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Over 54,000 prisoners and many captured tanks in repairable condition have been taken to main British bases by Naval units cooperating with the Army in Libya, according to an admiralty communique yesterday, describing the Fleet's share in the recent advance.

Apart from naval bombardments of Italian positions and the removal of prisoners and booty, the Navy played a considerable part, it was stated, in supplying troops in forward positions.

In one short period, 3,000 tons of water were landed in the Bardia area for the army's use.

Transport continues to be largely solved by naval cooperation, large quantities of stores and materials of all kinds for the army and air force being landed daily at various points on the Libyan coast, and all these operations, in which the Australian Navy has played a successful part, have been carried out without loss.

ERITREA SITUATION

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Withdrawal of the Italians into the highlands of Eritrea has left the British to take the initiative of a 50-mile advance over ground which undoubtedly has been prepared with mines and booby traps, writes Reuter's Special correspondent on the Abyssinian frontier.

After their defeat in the Western Desert, the Italians are tak-

BUENOS AIRES DISPLAY

LONDON, Jan. 23 (British Wireless).—One of the mannequins chosen to display British fashions collection at Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro in April is Miss Rosemary Chance, niece of Lord Willingdon, who is leader of the trade mission now completing a successful tour of South American countries.

On Saint George's Day, 77 models, which are being executed in duplicate exclusively for South America by nine London designers, will be shown simultaneously in the capitals of Argentina and Brazil.

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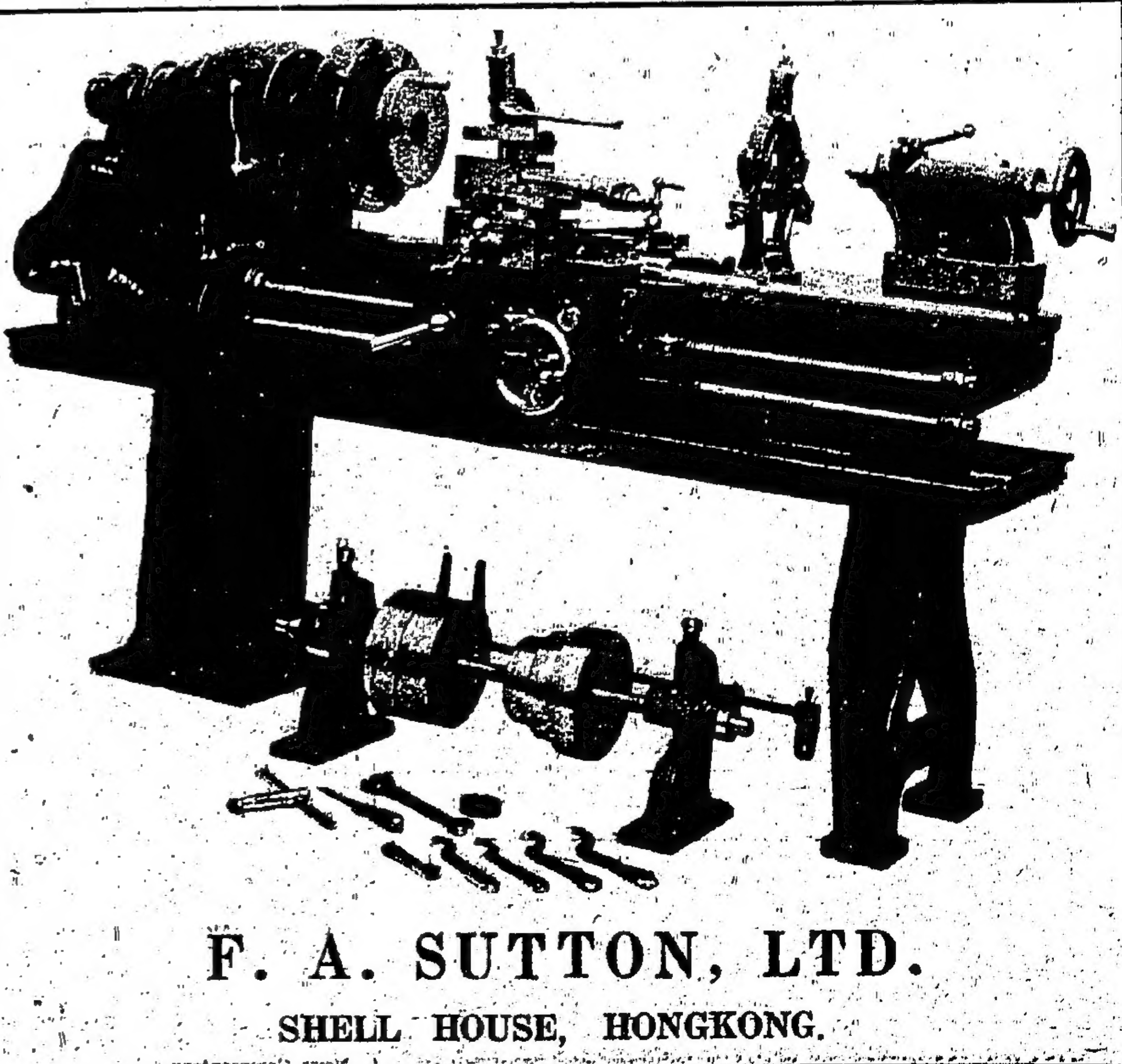
Negotiations Making Definite Progress

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—In answering his first question in the House of Commons since resuming the Foreign Secretaryship, Mr. Anthony Eden, was able to announce "certain definite progress" in the British negotiations with Spain over the recent administrative action in Tangier.

Mr. Eden recalled that discussions had been proceeding at Madrid with the view to concluding a provisional agreement concerning British rights and interests in the International Zone of Tangier pending a final settlement.

"Discussions are proceeding satisfactorily," said Mr. Eden. "Although consideration of all the questions involved is not yet fully completed, sufficient progress has been made to justify the view that pending a final settlement, the existing rights of British subjects in the Zone will be safeguarded."

Mr. Eden hoped to make a full statement shortly and added that there were no Italian submarines now in Tangier.



Chief Justice Endorses Jury's Recommendation For Mercy On 3 Men

DONNING THE BLACK CAP FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE DAY, the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday evening, passed sentence of death on LUI SHEK, 22, TAM WANG-KIT, 34, and CHAN FEL, 35.

"In view of the circumstances of the case," said his Lordship, "I will endorse the strong recommendation for mercy by the jury."

The three men were found guilty of the murder of an amah, who died from suffocation, after having been gagged during a robbery at No. 60, Argyle Street, first floor, on Nov. 24.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser, appeared for the prosecution. First accused was represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva; second by Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. P. K. d'Almeida; and the third by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. Kan Yuet-keung.

The following comprised the jury:—Messrs. E. C. Xavier (foreman), L. Mercado, E. Humphrey, Luk Man-lok, Ho Shau-fook, William Hu Ching-kong, and Chan Kam-shing.

Mr. Murphy said that first and second accused were charged with the murder of a woman, Tsol Kuen, and the third with aiding and abetting. The deceased was employed as an amah by Chan Shun-nam who conducted a small school at No. 80 Argyle Street, first floor.

AMAH ALONE
On Sunday, Nov. 24 about 11.30 a.m. Chan and his family went to

OLD RESIDENT PASSES

MR. J. BROOK

An old resident of the Colony and formerly manager of the Hongkong Boxing Association, Mr. J. Brook passed away at the Queen Mary Hospital on Wednesday night. The late Mr. Brook retired two years ago from the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, with which firm he had been associated 25 years.

He had lately been in ill-health and entered hospital some time ago for treatment. A popular figure, the late Mr. Brook was one of the keenest supporters of boxing in the Colony.

His native town was Leeds, where two of his brothers and two sisters still reside. He served in the South African War and later in the Natal Police before coming to Hongkong. He was for some time here in the Police Force before taking up civil employment.

The late Mr. Brook leaves a widow, three children, Irene, Audrey and Sonny, and a stepson, Mr. F. Robertson.

The funeral will take place today, the cortege passing the monument at 5 p.m.

WATER SUPPLY

Restrictions on water supply are to be entirely suspended for three days during the Chinese New Year Holidays. An all-day water supply will be provided on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, after which daily supply will be from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. as at present.

went to the rear of the hotel. It was alleged that defendants picked up a chopper and tried to force the back door open.

In the meantime Mr. Silva reported to the Police and two Indian constables led by Det. Sgt. Matches arrived on the scene and arrested defendants.

An inspection was carried out in the morning by Mr. Silva who found damage done to a wash basin, the back door and a lock.

After further evidence was given by employees of the Hotel, Mr. Himsforth said that there was insufficient evidence to support the charges of malicious damage which were accordingly withdrawn.

Det. Sgt. Matches asked for a remand of 48 hours which was granted.

STUDENT VICTIMISED

How a 11-year-old student, Pun Kee-cheong, of No. 1, Cameron Road, was the victim of a snatcher was related before Mr. Himsforth yesterday when Tsang Yee-hang, 18, was sentenced to four months' hard labour for snatching a wrist watch from complainant.

It was stated that the raid on the premises was carried out by Sub-Insp. C. H. Goodwin and Dr. D. J. Valentine of the Medical Department at 9.40 p.m. on Jan. 17. The house was searched and the said drugs were found. Defendant was a doctor registered in Canton.

Fine of \$20 was imposed. The poisons were ordered to be confiscated.

FLAG SALE SEQUEL

Wednesday's street collection of money for charity purpose through sale of flags had a sequel yesterday, when Ng Wah, 39, hawker, Chan Yui-ka, 23, and Chau Yin-po, 20, were charged with counselling or procuring the commission of collection of money without the written permission of the Commissioner of Police, and Cheng Kum-lan, 17, with taking part in the collection of money, before Mr. Sheldon. Third defendant was absent and bail of \$10 was estreated.

The defendants were cautioned.

AT KOWLOON

CREDIT BY FRAUD

Two soldiers of the Middlesex Regiment, Richard Head, 23, and Ralph Aldridge, 24, appeared on remand before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday charged with obtaining credit by fraud and on three counts of malicious damage.

It was alleged that about midnight on Jan. 17, defendants went with two others to Kowloon Hotel where they ordered drinks, cigarettes and sandwiches to the total value of \$6.50. When presented with the bills they were alleged to have torn them. The manager, Mr. F.F.S. de Silva, was notified and he went up to defendants and was again refused payment.

Two of them then went out by the front door, while defendants

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

RECEIVER FINED

Tam Fat, 21, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Barnett yesterday on charges of larceny of a tin of groundnut oil from outside the Mei Ki Godown, Des Voeux Road West, and receiving same, knowing it to have been stolen, in Chun Sing Street on Jan. 22.

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett prosecuted. Defendant was found guilty on the second charge and was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour, to be followed by Police supervision for two years.

WIDOW DISCHARGED

Arrested in Cha Kwo Ling Village on Jan. 21 for unlawfully distilling or rectifying liquor, a 45-year-old widow, Wan Lin-tai, was brought before Mr. Lowry yesterday. She was represented by Mr. C. Y. Kwan who pleaded not guilty.

Revenue Officer, W. V. Ahern prosecuted. Defendant was discharged owing to the lack of evidence that she was the actual owner of the still.

MUTE SENTENCED

A deaf and dumb man appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday charged with the theft of \$128 Chinese currency from Ngau Chek, salesman, at the Immigration Office, Queen's Road Central, on Jan. 22.

Miss Li Luk-wa, of the Hongkong School for the Deaf, acted as interpreter. Defendant was additionally charged with breach of a deportation order.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes prosecuted.

COMMON GAMING HOUSES

Six unemployed were charged with keeping common gaming houses for the purpose of the fa at different addresses in the Colony on Jan. 22 before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Kwan Ping, 29, was responsible for a common gaming house at No. 187, Hennessy Road, ground floor, and Tsing Ming, at No. 42, King Kwong Street, ground floor.

Both defendants failed to appear in Court, and their bails of \$75 each were estreated.

Ho Cheuk, 50, and Lam Chi, 32, were charged with keeping No. 24, Caroline Road, ground floor, as a common gaming house. First defendant, who was absent, had his bail of \$75 estreated, while second defendant, pleading that he was only employed there, was discharged.

Leung Sang, 22, and Yau Lol, 30, were arrested when the Police raided the first floor of No. 149, Lockhart Road and the ground floor of No. 39, Staunton Street respectively. Both defendants were fined \$75, or six weeks' hard labour.

COMING & GOING BY CLIPPER

After a 24-hour delay, Pan-American HONOLULU CLIPPER (Capt. Adams) arrived in the Colony yesterday afternoon bringing U.S. mails dated Jan. 15.

There were 22 passengers on board when she left Manila, five of whom were booked for Macao. The following disembarked in Hongkong:—

FROM MANILA:—MR. HENRY LAMOND, businessman from Honolulu making his annual trip to the Orient by Clipper; MR. PAUL S. LEWIS, Manager of Coca-Cola Export Co., Manila, on business to Hongkong; MR. O. E. L. JOHNSON, also of Coca-Cola; SENOR ALFREDO MARMELO, Consul for Mexico, Manila, on a business trip to Hongkong; MR. A. BROOK PARK, P.I., Manager of American International Underwriters on business trip to Hongkong; MRS. EVELYN L. LANE, resident of Shanghai returning to Hongkong; MRS. TAN LIN CHI, resident of Shanghai returning home after short pleasure trip to Manila; MRS. HO MEI SIN, MR. FU CHOI LAN, MR. MARCELO F. HOUGHTON, Marine Engineer, returning to Hongkong after a short business trip to Manila; MR. GERARDO V. YAMBAO, P.A.A. employee from Manila Sales Office on familiarisation trip to Hongkong; MR. LEE HOCK DOA, merchant returning to Hongkong.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO:—MR. WALTER LOCK, Hongkong businessman returning from a trip to U.S.A. and Canada; MR. NEVILLE VINCENT, Air Transport Company executive of Bombay, India, returning from a business trip; MR. MAXINELL WIDDOWSON, buyer for National Silver Company, Los Angeles, on a business trip; MR. EDWARD DAHL, Far East Division Manager of the Reynolds Metals Co., headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, on a business trip to India; MR. BASIL HOWARD, Engineer of London en route to Hongkong.

FOR MACAO:—SENOR ALBERTO P. JORGE, Attorney of Macao, returning home after a short pleasure trip to Manila; MR. HARRY CHONG, Marine Superintendent, resident of Macao, returning after a short business trip to Manila; MR. LEONG HAO LUN, banker, resident of Macao, completing a round to Manila; SENOR GUSTAVO U. DA ROSA, Merchant of Macao, completing portion of round trip to Manila; MR. KOU HO MENG, resident of Macao, returning to Macao after a short trip to Manila.

DEPARTURE TODAY

The following passengers are booked to leave on the Clipper this morning:—
FOR MANILA:—MR. GERALDO V. YAMBAO, P.A.A. employee returning after an overnight stay in the Colony; MR. ALEXANDER R. GOLQUIMOUN, Officer of the British Army, making a round trip by Clipper on vacation; MR. STEPHEN F. BALFOUR, Official of the Hongkong Government, making a pleasure trip to P.I.; MR. GALVIN C. CHANG, Chinese tourist; MR. TAN HI, Chinese Clipper commuter; MR. JOSEPH PARRISH, of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., making a round trip on business; MR. LUCIO ILDEFONSO, of the American Express Co., Hongkong, on business; MR. ROBERT DELA-SALA, of John Manners and Co., on business.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO:—MR. ERIC MAYELL, cameraman connected with Twentieth Century Fox, on business.

NEXT CLIPPER

The next Clipper, bringing U.S. mails from San Francisco dated Jan. 22, is scheduled to arrive on Jan. 29.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:—

Mr. Woo Khia-Khian, aviator, and Miss Ko Kam-ha, of No. 18 Cumberland Road.

Mr. Young Sze-kuen, merchant, and Miss Lam Shu-hon, of No. 34 Lim Haplin Street.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Jan. 22: Cholera, one case; Diphtheria, one case; Measles, five cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, three cases; Tuberculosis, 25 cases (two imported).

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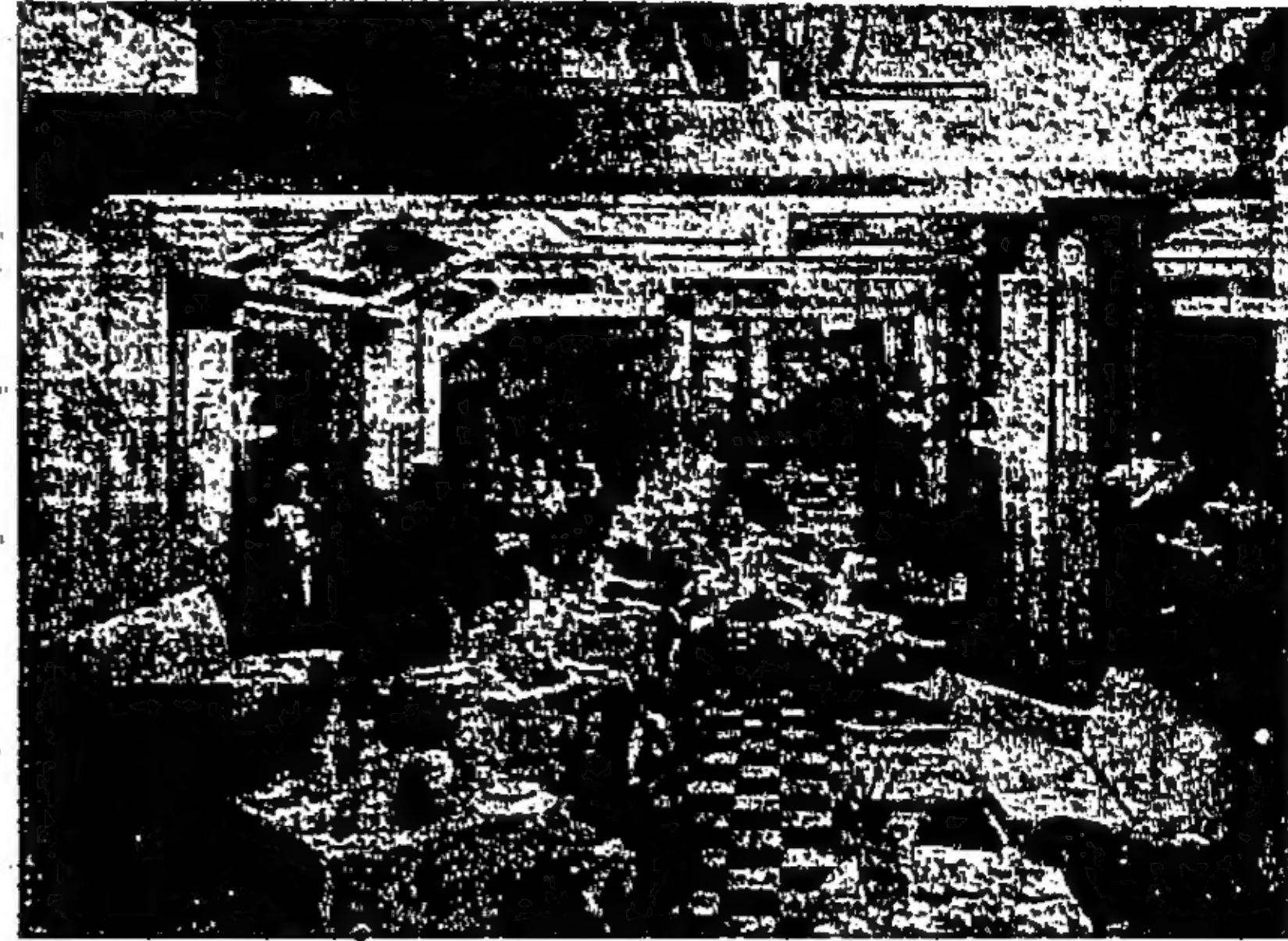
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 1st February to TUESDAY, 11th February, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 21st January, 1941.

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TOBRUK & AFTER

THE IMMINENT passing of the Italian stronghold of Tobruk in Libya into British hands may not be considered to furnish justifiable reasons for predicting what will follow as far as military operations are concerned, but it certainly provides food for thought on the future of Signor Mussolini's African Empire. Reactions to the series of defeats which the Italian forces have sustained in Libya and to the manner in which the Greeks have been able to turn their invasion of the Hellenic Empire into an ignominious rout, have not taken long to make themselves evident, with the result that today the fate of Italy's position in Africa seems practically sealed. The most important of these reactions is apparent in the news from Abyssinia, where tribesmen who have remained patiently loyal to their ruler, who was forced to give way to the Italian oppressors in 1935, have now set out to free their country from Signor Mussolini's tyranny. The moment they selected for this revolt against Italian oppression was most propitious, and was the result of careful planned organisation under British supervision and training.

WITH THE FALL of Tobruk, therefore, the next centre of interest should be Abyssinia, for the stage seems to be set now for a further step to bring Il Duce's mushroom empire crumbling about his heels. The Imperial forces who have been engaged in Libya have set a pace of advance, while their comrades in the frontiers of Eritrea, Kenya and the Sudan are taking up the attack to rid the dark continent of an even darker shadow of selfish misrule and evil influence. Britain and her allies will be confronted with a serious problem of dealing with this African Empire of Italy's when it finally passes into their hands. As far as Abyssinia is concerned, the territory will, of course, be handed back to Emperor Haile Selassie, but the question of deciding on what to do with the rest of the Italian land possessions in Africa will be a knotty one and will require a deal of careful consideration and planning, before a satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at. The subject is no doubt one which is even now occupying the attention of Britain and her allies.

RUMANIAN CHAOS

THE CHAOTIC condition into which Rumania has been plunged furnishes the outside world with one of the finest examples of the type of "New Order" which Herr Hitler is trying to impose on Europe. Since General Antonescu allowed himself to be drawn into the power of the Nazis, the results have brought anything but peace to the country. It should not be assumed that what is happening in Rumania is entirely condoned by the Axis Powers. Their original intention was probably to create a mild state of confusion in order to

CAR WITHOUT
A DRIVER

Pedestrians in Village Road yesterday evening at about 8 p.m. had a great surprise when they suddenly witnessed a motor car travelling without a driver at the wheel.

Poo Wai-yung, 30, woman, of No. 15 Shan Kwong Road, was knocked down by the runaway car.

The car No. 5335, parked outside No. 20 Village Road, collided with a public vehicle No. 157, outside No. 5 Village Road.

POLICE REPORTS

The theft of \$49 in money and a sweep ticket No. 00746 on D'Agular Street between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Jan. 21 has been reported to the Police by Kam Sih-kong, of No. 165, Electric Road.

Lee Kwan, residing at No. 2, Power Lane, reports that money and jewellery to the total value of \$287 were stolen from his house between midnight and 3.30 a.m. yesterday.

Two hundred dollars worth of medicine was reported by Ho Man-ha to have been stolen from No. 146, Queen's Road West on Jan. 22.

Yiu Ho, of No. 38, Sai Street, reports that while he was walking along Queen's Road West at 9.30 p.m. on Jan. 22, he had \$40 in notes stolen from his person.

Fuk Kan-shek, of No. 27, Kam Wah Street, reports that between 9 p.m. on Jan. 21 and some time on Jan. 22, a spare wheel and tyre, and some tools were stolen from his car No. 5590. Total value stolen is \$135.

Leung King, of Messrs. Deacons and Company, Prince Building, reports that at 10 a.m. on Jan. 22, somebody stole an electric pump, valued at \$60, from his house at No. 9, Hillwood Road.

Ng Wan, foki of junk No. 1689P, reports that at 11 a.m. on Jan. 22, his junk capsized off the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf. All hands on board were saved by No. 5 Police Launch, who later took the junk in tow to safety.

strengthen their own hands for using Rumania to their advantage. This they succeeded in doing in the days immediately preceding the complete submission of the Government to Nazi control, but the events that have recently developed in Rumania are of an entirely different complexion. It is a definite demonstration against those who have been responsible for placing the country under the Nazi yoke and even the main political organisation—the Iron Guards—from whom the Nazis expected the most support, has split up into two parties, one of which is vigorously resorting to acts of sabotage and lawlessness to show their displeasure against the Nazi methods.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, Rumania is quickly becoming another liability to the Axis Powers and unless Herr Hitler is able to suppress the disorders which have now spread throughout the country, the situation is likely to deteriorate to the disadvantage of any plans that he may have for action in the Balkans. Indeed, it is fair to assume that the situation in Rumania has largely contributed to the delay in his move in the Balkans. There is also the likelihood of this opposition to the Nazis in Rumania increasing, in keeping with the stiffened attitude of the other Balkan countries, who have adopted a firmer front as a result of the marked successes which the British and the Greeks have been scoring against the Italians and the confident manner in which Britain is continuing to hold the Nazis at bay. In the meantime, the Rumanian people who are trying to regain their freedom will have to suffer many more hardships before they can shake off Nazi influence.

EASTERN
ARCTIC
PATROL

Canada's Eskimos are enjoying good health and the native game supply is plentiful, according to Major D. L. McKeand, Officer-in-Charge of the Eastern Arctic Patrol which was carried out as usual aboard the R.M.S. Naseop. Notwithstanding wartime conditions, the 1940 expedition was the most extensive ever made, involving a voyage of 11,586 miles through the ice-filled waters of the North.

In addition to supplying medical officers, radio stations, and Royal Canadian Mounted Police posts with two years' staple supplies, the Naseop carried freight for the trade stores and mission stations in the Eskimo country of the Northwest Territories and northern Quebec.

Throughout the entire 90-day voyage the usual wartime restrictions as to navigation lights and other precautions were followed.

SCIENTIFIC WORK

Scientific investigations were conducted as usual, but the government party was smaller than in former years. The regular administrative work of the patrol was carried out, and mail was delivered as the ship progressed from post to post.

The mail service was extended by the opening of a post office at Fort Ross on Somerset Island, at the eastern entrance of Bellot Strait, where mail can now be exchanged between the eastern and western Arctic.

Greenland natives employed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Craig Harbour were returned home after two years' service, and materials for the erection of a residence, as well as furnishings, fuel and food supplies, for the Canadian Consul at Greenland were delivered at Godthaab.

A number of native families desirous of migrating northward were carried aboard the ship, and at Fort Ross a native marriage was consummated between a Netsilik man and a Dorset woman, bringing together for the first time the two principal Canadian Eskimo cultures.

CHANGE IN RURAL
EDUCATION POLICY

Beginning this year secondary education in both Government and mission schools, in the Ipoh rural districts, will undergo a change, in that the School Certificate classes will be abolished. The Education Department has thought it fit to effect this change for reasons of economy and education, principally educational.

It is felt that expert tuition as provided in the schools in the bigger towns for the higher classes cannot be provided in the schools in the rural districts.

The Methodist Mission is strongly opposed to this change in view of the fact that two of its schools are affected by the new system.

As far as the mission schools are concerned, the Anglo-Chinese School at Parit Buntar and Kampar, which have had School Certificate classes hitherto, will cease to have them from this year onwards. The classes will stop at Standard Eight.

The Convent at Teluk Anson, the Government school at Ipoh and the mission school at Sillawan, will have classes up to Standard Eight.

The Anglo-Chinese School at Teluk Anson and the Government English School at Batu Gajah will be the exceptions in that they will be allowed to continue with their School Certificate classes.

CHANGE NOT PERMANENT

The Government Schools at Tromoh and Gopeng stop at Standard Five.

The Methodist Mission authorities are not in favour of this change for they feel that, in addition to the fact that the School Certificate classes have been successful since they were started in their respective schools, a great deal of hardship and inconvenience will fall on both pupils and their parents.

Children who wish to pursue further studies will have to travel to the nearest town where the schools cater for the School Certificate classes.

The Rev. D. F. Coole, local Superintendent of the Methodist Mission, remarked that he did not think the change would be of a permanent character and that there was no reason to suppose that the abolished classes will not be re-established.

NEW CHUNGKING
APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Yang Yi-shu, Anhwei Finance Commissioner, was relieved of his post, and Mr. Kwai Ching-chiu, member the Anhwei Provincial Government, was appointed to serve as Anhwei Finance Commissioner concurrently.

Messrs. Yao Hsien-nai, Hu Mai, Wang Li-cheng, Sun Li-sheng and Sun Ya-fu were appointed respectively Secretary, Counsellors, Director of the 1st Department and Acting Director of the 2nd Department of the National Relief Commission.

Messrs. Tam Shao-chiao and Liu Chen-tung were appointed respectively Director and Vice-Director of the Anhwei Food Control Bureau, and Mr. Chow I-o was appointed Director of the Fukien Food Control Bureau.

Mr. Chiang Fu-jui was appointed Director of the National Central Library.—(Central News).

NEWSETTES

The death occurred on January 15, 1941, at her residence, 11 Route Francis Garnier, Shanghai, of Annie, daughter of Mrs. Dora Finkelstein and the late Harry Finkelstein. Funeral services were held on January 17, at the Bialka Road Jewish Cemetery.

The death occurred on January 16, at the Shanghai General Hospital, of Rosa Bauer (Kelsen), mother of Erna Bauer-Mildner and Fritz Peter Bauer. The funeral was held at Columbi Road Cemetery on January 17.

The Grand Concert for British troops at Stonecutters, in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, which was to have been held at the Lecture Room on the Island yesterday afternoon, could not be staged owing to unforeseen circumstances. A date will be announced later.

CHESS RESULTS

C. M. Sequeira won the senior championship of Section "A" of the Kowloon Chess Club yesterday, when he defeated H. A. Samuel. In another match, K. Weiss defeated G. S. Coxhead.

P.A.A. TRAINING
FOR U.S. ARMY AIR
CORPS PERSONNEL

To speed up the training of aerial navigators for use rapidly expanding United States Army Air Corps, Pan American Airways are training the first group of some 850 Air Corps cadets in Pan American methods of navigation and meteorology developed over a decade of experience in operating its regular routes over the Caribbean to South America, over the Pacific to the Far East, and across the Atlantic to Europe.

Three Clippers have been equipped as flying classrooms for the cadets at Miami, Florida, the training base.

WOMAN STABBED

A school teacher, Leung Yee-fong, 28, married woman, was walking along Queen's Road East when she received a nasty jolt as an unknown Chinese male attempted to snatch her handbag yesterday evening at 8 o'clock.

The man stabbed the woman in the stomach and made good his escape.

The woman was sent to hospital.

Two charming young French ladies, France and Marianne, are touring Canada for the benefit of National Refugee work. The young ladies are actually two dolls which were presented to Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret when Their Majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth visited France in 1938. France and Marianne, which were sent to Canada by the Queen, are accompanied on their tour by elaborate wardrobes, designed by the most eminent of French dressmakers.

Britain's Answer To Herr
Hitler's Screaming Threats:
Axis Smoke-Screen

"The British Commonwealth has very quickly answered Herr Hitler's screaming threats against us," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. commentator, when he referred in a talk from London to the fall of Tobruk to the British forces on Wednesday. "Tobruk will provide a good advance base for us 70 miles within Libya and its capture will threaten most of the Italian air bases in Bomba."

"There is further bad news for Mussolini from Eritrea where the Italians are retreating and still worse prospects for the Axis plans in the news that Greeks successes in Albania are continuing on all fronts there," he continued.

FERMENT IN RUMANIA

Referring to other news, Mr. Lakin commented on the ferment in Rumania and declared that the state of that country today was the finest example of what Herr Hitler's "New Order" meant and that what was happening there would no doubt be carefully studied by the other small countries which had fallen under the Nazi yoke.

The vicious raids on Malta had proved very expensive to the Luftwaffe and finally there were the reported threats of invasion against Great Britain.

Turning to the meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, Mr. Lakin declared that the Axis propagandists as usual had not been able to contain themselves. "They at once break into a rash," he said, "and they have been indulging in hints and rumours so numerous and conflicting that it would be impossible to distinguish the truth from the falsehood."

Their threats against us seem to have about the same effect as the Japanese threat against the United States. Signor Gayda had the effrontery to say recently that England is waiting the Axis move with quaking spirits. If you were in London today you will realise that greater nonsense has not been written even by Germany's most bombastic paper, the National Zeitung.

BRITISH SPIRIT

"As to our spirit here, the most typical example of this was given me recently by a shoe-maker. He asked me whether I thought that Herr Hitler would try to invade us and on my telling that I believed he would, this shoe-maker said: 'If he does, I will tell you what we shall do. We shall chase him back, follow him across the sea and climb up the short there and take the pants off him.'"

Mr. Lakin declared that that was the spirit which existed in England today and went on to point out that the great weakness in totalitarian propaganda today was that they said the same thing at the same time and consequently there was a flood of repetition. Mr. Lakin then commented on what he described as the threats and bombast to bring Britain to her knees in some unspecified time—some reports said this year, other in 70 days and others even in three weeks.

SMOKE-SCREEN?

"Does this mean that they are definitely on the job of trying to beat us here, or does it mean that they are going to act in South-East Europe, or does it mean that they will act in both directions? Or is all this again just a smoke screen?"

"It was unfortunate that the Axis propagandists should talk about this latest meeting between Hitler and Mussolini as portending historical events. The last meeting which took place just previous to the Italian invasion of Greece was followed by historic events, it is true, but not of the kind that Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini expected."

"Perhaps the purpose of this smoke-screen is to prepare the Italian people for the terms under which Signor Mussolini has had to accept German help. For the truth will soon become obvious to the Italian people as it is to the rest of the world and the truth is that Signor Mussolini has had to hand over the Italian war machine to German control."

"Signor Gayda let the cat out of the bag when he forecast more embracing co-operation between the dictators with unity of command and purpose. Thus the military alliance between Germany and Italy has culminated in Signor Mussolini becoming the slave of Germany."

Mr. Lakin next examined the effect this would have on the Italian people. It was well-known

BRITAIN PREPARED

Mr. Lakin then declared that in Britain they had not forgotten the power and thoroughness of the enemy they were facing. Herr Hitler would try to bolster up Signor Mussolini's position and anything that he would do would be done fairly soon.

"One thing we are confident of and that is that if he makes his attack on Britain, this island will be ready to break him," said Mr. Lakin. "Our preparations are going forward and Mr. Bevin has now announced a step forward in organising man-power and production. There will be a national register by age groups which will make everyone liable for doing war work."

"Who would have thought," concluded Mr. Lakin, "that we have seen a Socialist minister introducing such a measure in the House of Commons."

MAN WHO
WANTED
TO DIE

Roaming the streets of London, looking for an opportunity to commit suicide, Stanley T. Keatley, 30, fitter, a native of Walsall, Staffs., entered an air raid shelter.

There a Salvationist was preaching about the loved ones at home. Keatley changed his mind about suicide and returned to East Cowes, where his young wife, whom he married last June, was wondering what had happened.

This was related to the magistrates at East Cowes, I.O.W., when Keatley was charged with attempting suicide.

A neighbour stated that he went into Keatley's house to admit a gas collector, and on a door was pinned a note which read: "Please forgive me for the wrong and suffering I have caused you—Stan." Keatley was found hanging from a gas-pipe with a thin cord around his neck. The neighbour informed the police, and when Sergt. Lock arrived Keatley was lying huddled in a corner, the cord having broken.

The officer applied artificial respiration, and when a doctor arrived Keatley was fully conscious, and answered questions rationally, stating that his trouble was money.

"I FELT FUNKY"

Sergt. Lock said he had to take Keatley into custody, as there was no one to look after him. His wife was expecting a baby. He had made a statement in which, after referring to his debts, he said he went to London to commit suicide, as it was the easiest way out.

After viewing the air-raid damage he went into an air-raid shelter. "I listened to a Salvationist preaching about the loved ones at home," the statement added, "and I decided to return to my wife."

"I went home, climbed through a window, and felt 'funky.' I decided the easiest thing was to commit suicide. I tied a cord around my neck and stepped off a chair. Everything went black."

Keatley told the Court that since he had been in the custody of the police, and had been talked to by the inspector and the sergeant, he realised what a fool he had been, and that there was something worth living for after all.

Keatley was bound over after a welfare officer from his works had intimated that his employers would probably settle his debts and deduct the payments from his wages weekly.

Several Japanese ships, loaded with war material, have arrived in Bangkok, according to Chinese press reports crediting a Saigon source.

SENSATION CAUSED AT SHANGHAI RATEPAYERS' MEETING: JAPANESE OPENS FIRE AT MR. W. J. KESWICK

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—MR. W. J. KESWICK, THE BRITISH CHAIRMAN OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, AND TWO JAPANESE COUNCILLORS WERE SHOT, but not seriously, by Mr. Y. Hayashi, President of the Japanese Ratepayers Association, in full view of about 3,000 foreign and Japanese ratepayers, just after the extraordinary meeting of the Ratepayers' Association to consider an increased taxation. Mr. Hayashi's amendment was defeated.

Mr. Keswick, wounded in the lower part of his back, was able to walk to his car with assistance. The wounded Japanese Councillors were Mr. O. Okamoto, who was injured in the left hand and Mr. S. Ikeda in the right arm.

Mr. Hayashi was arrested. Mr. Keswick, son of the late Major Henry Keswick, of Cowhill County, Dumfries, is the head of Jardines.

Mr. J. W. Carney, American Councillor and manager of the Socony, was slightly injured when the Japanese threw dozens of chairs on the platform on which the Councillors were seated.

FLESH WOUNDS
It is now reliably learned that Mr. Keswick sustained two flesh wounds, one on the left side of the breast and the second on the right forearm and his condition in hospital is not serious.

Dramatic events occurred almost immediately after Mr. Hayashi's amendment against a higher taxation, favouring the accepting of a loan offered by a "certain Japanese bank," was defeated by a show of hands.

When the Chairman, M. Paul Scheel, Danish Consul-General and Senior Consul, announced the result, the Japanese ratepayers immediately raised an uproar, left their seats and began to push to the platform. Mr. Okamoto quickly stood up and appealed at the microphone for order from his compatriots, but he did not say more than a few words, when Mr. Hayashi whipped out a pistol and fired two shots.

STORMED PLATFORM
After some minutes of indescribable confusion and rioting, the Japanese surged outside the platform, followed by the police, who eventually succeeded in pacifying them.

As soon as order was restored, M. Scheel announced that the meeting is adjourned. Introducing the amendment, Mr. Hayashi, in a lengthy speech, concluded that if the amendment

was defeated, those responsible would have to face the consequences.

NO OPERATION
Dr. W. S. Parson is attending Mr. Keswick and Reuter learns that his condition is satisfactory, resting comfortably and no operation necessary. The flesh wounds are on the left side of the chest and the left forearm.

Hayashi who is being held for investigation, after making a speech walked down the platform, but reassessed after voting and shot Mr. Keswick pointblank.

2 ENEMY RAIDERS DESTROYED

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Two enemy bombers were destroyed by R.A.F. fighters yesterday.

An official communique announcing this states that shortly before dawn bombs were dropped on the Kent coast. Later a single aircraft dropped bombs in East Riding, Yorkshire, but little damage and no casualties were reported.

DRAMATIC CHANGE TAKES PLACE IN THE EASTERN THEATRE OF THE WAR

"We have good reason to congratulate ourselves on the dramatic change that has taken place in the eastern theatre of war in the last few months," said MAJOR LEWIS HASTINGS, military commentator at the B.B.C., when he broadcast yesterday from London on the latest developments in the African campaign.

"Our army's successes have set a glow of satisfaction once again throughout the Empire and we can afford to smile at the so-called Axis command of the Sicilian Channel by reason of the assistance given to the Italian by German air force," he continued.

"We know that the Sykas are more formidable than the Italian machines, but we also know that our own navy and air force are capable of dealing with anything new that may be used against us."

SUPPLIES ENSURED
At the beginning of his talk, Major Hastings referred to a German military officer's recent statement that the British front in Libya was now faced with great difficulties caused by the extended lines of communication and that the struggle had not ended at Bardia.

"It has not," said Major Hastings, "and the occupation of the harbour of Tobruk will now ensure all the supplies necessary reaching the British troops. The capture of aerodromes in that area will push the Italians so far back that it will secure our own bases against attack."

Major Hastings went on to give a brief description of the country lying beyond Tobruk and between Derna and Benghazi. Most of that area, he said, was a peasant settlement. It was hilly country and hundreds of white bungalows marked the numerous farms where tobacco, and wheat were the leading crops.

The whole battle in Libya, Major Hastings continued, had been carried out by the exploitation of victory and it bore a strong resemblance to the Albeny campaign.

TRIBUTE TO GEN. WAVELL
The speaker paid a fine tribute to General Sir Archibald Wavell, who he said had done even better than General Allenby by forcing the enemy to conform to his will. The rapidity of his movements had compelled the Italians to occupy positions that led to their own destruction.

"The Italian army has in fact collapsed," declared Major Hastings, "and the spirit of General Allenby must rejoice for this. This action has something else in common besides the genius for war."

Major Hastings then referred to the capture of Kassala, which, he said, was of great significance. "The strategic importance of the place was emphasised by the Italians themselves," he said, "but this importance is not merely strategic. There was the effect it would have on the other places under Italian control."

"On the top of the victories in Libya, there is the hurried retreat of the Italians into Eritrea and news like this will spread like wildfire through the country." In Abyssinia, for instance, nothing more evil has been done even by the dictators themselves than the massacre of these tribesmen and a terrible retribution is in store for the Italians.

THE FAMOUS RAS KASSA
"An important item of recent news is that the famous Ras Kassa is to take the field with Emperor Haile Selassie. Ras Kassa is a significant and romantic figure and was one of the most prominent leaders when his country was invaded and had several successes against the Italian armies, particularly against the Black Shirts."

"It is well worth recording that the reduction of Abyssinia by the Italians was not a parade march in spite of the overwhelming superiority of the invaders and there were times when half the army of Abyssinia was more than a match for their opposite numbers."

Major Hastings declared that the present Italian retreat from Kassala follows the more direct route to Massawa and the Italians are preparing to make a stand along the railway. Massawa was one of the few places from which a certain amount of supplies was reaching the Italians. The British control of the route now effectively cut off these supplies.

The Italian forces engaged there were probably no less than the forces in Tripoli several weeks ago, but they are scattered, garrisons over an area of more than 10,000 square miles. The Italians may be expected to withdraw their defence posts, but the mountainous nature of the country between these points is likely to make the movement of supplies and troops increasingly difficult.

LOVE OF ADVENTURE
The speaker referred to the work which a small party of British officers were already carrying on behind the Italian lines in Abyssinia, a move which he said recalled the work done by Lawrence of Arabia. "The British army had never lacked love for adventure."

From the time of the Abyssinian campaign the Italians had shown themselves to be masters of the art of corruption. The whole story of what had happened and was happening now would be told one day and what a story it would be!

Major Hastings expressed the view that the Sicilian Channel which the Italians boasted they could now control, was not the only alternative route to the Near East. Supplies for General Wavell's campaign were coming increasingly from Australia and New Zealand, from the Far East and from America and they were not coming by the Mediterranean route.

"Our armies successes have given satisfaction once again to the whole Empire," concluded Major Hastings. "We are not, however, going to be led by reason of these successes any more than we will be cast down by any setbacks."

"Nothing is more obvious in Britain than that all the Gaydas, Anasdos and Goebels do not mean a thing today."

No Truce In Frontier Fighting

BANGKOK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—While the French Charge d'Affaires further talks with the Deputy Foreign Minister, have not resulted in a truce of the frontier fighting, a "free Cambodian Party of Thailand," it is reported has left Bangkok for Cambodia to carry on pro-Thai activities between the compatriots.

Thai dailies feature unconfirmed reports of interesting events in Indo-China, for instance, that Saigon had ordered all Indo-China merchantships to arm themselves, and that the French are secreting bombers and war material near the famous sacred Angkor ruins.

"We will not quit the occupied regions of Laos and Cambodia," said a member of the Cabinet, in an interview. It is revealed that the Cabinet today discussed the military situation.

"We have not yet employed our crack regiments with a view to avoid needless bloodshed."

Capture Of Tobruk

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By evening all resistance had ceased except a single coastal defence battery overlooking the harbour.

When newspaper correspondents entered what appeared to be an open town, fuel and store dumps were blazing as were two steamers in the harbour, all presumably fired on instructions of the Military staff before their retirement to the western section of the perimeter where, as stated in a midnight Cairo communique, mopping up operations are proceeding.

TWO-THIRDS LOST
It is officially estimated by the Government Headquarters in Cairo, that of the total Italian forces in Libya when the British attack began on Dec. 6, two-thirds have now been lost to Marshal Graziani.

The actual number of prisoners taken in Tobruk cannot be yet disclosed but it is known to be large.

HOW SYDNEY RECEIVED THE NEWS

Soldiers in the streets of Sydney danced and sang when the news of the capture of Tobruk came through, states an Australian message.

The swiftness of the attack and its quick success has roused enthusiasm to a high pitch and Australian papers proclaim the victory in glowing headlines.—(Special)

EASTERN SUPPLY GROUP COUNCIL

Mr. Stevens, a former Prime Minister of Australia, has been chosen to lead the Australian Delegation to the Eastern Supply Group Council which was formed at the recent conference in Delhi, according to a message from Sydney.

The new council will co-ordinate the resources of all countries east of Suez. The resources of these countries will be marshalled for their joint defence and also to help Britain in a joint production scheme.—(Special)

14,000 PLANES FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Knudsen, head of President Roosevelt's Supreme Defence Directorate, stated at a Press Conference that he hoped 33,000 military planes would be turned out by July 1942, of which 14,000 are earmarked for Britain.

EXPLOSION IN ARMS FACTORY

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—An explosion occurred in an arms factory in Scotland on Tuesday resulting in four persons being injured.

The damage was slight and investigation of the incident was proceeding.

CONSCRIPTION OF BRITISH LABOUR

Representative Views Expressed In Commons

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The following are representative views expressed in the Commons debate on man-power preceding Mr. Churchill's speech yesterday. Mr. Clement Davies (Ind.), who was the leading figure in the so-called "ginger group" which operated during Mr. Chamberlain's Premiership, declared the Government was still doing too little and that property and persons must be subjected to greater discipline. Mr. J. J. Lawson (Lab.) appealed to members to beware lest they modify or undermine the fine temper and spirit of the great mass of workers.

Mr. M. S. McCordale (back-bench Conservative) said there was a certain uneasiness about the nation's production methods.

CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT
That was obviously felt by Mr. Churchill because of the changes he had made in the Government. But he (Mr. McCordale) thought the new production plan would work.

Dr. Edith Summerskill (Lab.) pleaded for a propaganda effort to make the nation's womanhood more war-minded.

Another Labourite, Mr. A. Woodburn, contended that compulsion within industry was not necessary and would utterly fail.

Axis Rivalry In Framing Excuses

Axis collaboration, states a London message, is now extended to rivalry in framing excuses for what happened in Tobruk.

The Rome Radio stated, in a communique, that the Italians must not get themselves down as the fall of Tobruk was foreseen. In Berlin, a General stated that Italy was unable to compete with the British Empire forces, in the Libyan theatre of war, but finished with the flourish, "Final victory will be with the Italians."

The British Press were prompt to draw the lessons of Tobruk and it was stated, another "woe, woe speech" was expected from Signor Ansaldo.—(Special)

Canadian Fisheries Production

Canada's fisheries production in 1939 had a total value of \$40,072,978, of which the sea fisheries contributed \$33,972,301, or 85 per cent, and the inland fisheries \$6,100,677, or 15 per cent. Compared with 1938 the value of the sea fisheries showed an increase of \$108,153, while the inland fisheries decreased by \$618,153. These figures represent the value of the fish as marketed, whether sold for consumption fresh, canned, smoked, or dried.

The salmon fishery was by far the most important, its value in 1939 amounting to \$13,409,292, or 33 per cent of the total. Following, each with a value of almost \$4,000,000, were the lobster and

NEWSMAN ON JAPAN'S AIMS IN THE PACIFIC

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—H. D. Llem, London correspondent of the Central News Agency of China, delivered a graphic address at a China Campaign Committee luncheon yesterday on Japan's aims in the Pacific.

Mr. Llem showed how Japan's position in Indo-China, Hainan, the Bonins, Caroline and Marshall Islands disorganises the British line of defence between Singapore and Australia.

Japan, he said, is now planning to intervene in the undeclared war between Thailand and Indo-China with the object of getting possession of the whole of Indo-China and thence extending control to Thailand and especially the Kra Peninsula, of long the object of her desire.

It must also be remembered, he said, that the Philippines attain full independence by 1945. The Japanese have been working for many years to establish a controlling interest there.

While the ultimate fate of the Pacific depends on Britain emerging victorious over Germany, Mr. Llem urged that the Dutch East Indies and China constitute Britain's first line of defence in the Far East.

Everything possible should be done, he said, to help China. There were still some people in England who fancied the Sino-Japanese War could be settled by a compromise.

Such a peace would be only temporary. The Chinese were fighting for fundamental principles of right and justice on which they will never give in.

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Jan. 24th From 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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MORE AUSTRALIANS REACH CANADA

Yet another strong contingent of Australian air trainees has safely arrived in Canada, the fourth to reach there in three months. Smith, a son of a former Queensland commissioner of police, and a son of one of the foremost sheep breeders in Australia.

The potentialities of the Empire Air Scheme as a threat to the Nazi ambitions grows daily more evident as hundreds of determined young Australians stream half way across the world to the sister Dominion to complete their training for the bomber and fighter squadrons of the British Air Fleet.

The airmen were farewelled by Sir Donald Cameron, Chairman of the New South Wales R.A.A.F. Recruiting Committee, who said he believed that they would uphold the traditions established by the Australian Air Force in the last war. Besides fighting, they had another big job to do; they upheld the name of Australia. The high standards set by their predecessors were equalled by the men of the fourth contingent.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL
Bronzed and lean and keen-eyed, they were eagerly looking forward to participation in the air war.

herring, while cod, with slightly more than \$3,000,000, was fourth on the list of the chief commercial fish.

FRESH FILLETS
Fish marketed for consumption fresh, including fresh fillets, had a total value of \$18,989,711 in 1939. The canned production was valued at \$15,449,190, of which canned salmon accounted for \$10,465,008. The bulk of the salmon is marketed, and for this product, the principal markets have been found abroad, with countries of the British Empire taking the major part.

Fish marketed as dried amounted to \$379,240, leaving \$6,654,835 as the value of fish marketed in all other forms, such as green-salted, smoked, boneless, oil and meal.

BORN IN CEYLON
Major-General Alexander, who was born in Ceylon, is 52 years of age. He joined the Royal Canadian Regiment in 1910 and served with this regiment up to the time of the Great War, going overseas as Adjutant of the 24th Battalion. C.E.F. He had a distinguished war record, winning the D.S.O. and ending the war as General Staff Officer 1, 2nd Canadian Division.

He attended the Staff College, Camberley, shortly after the war and thereafter has occupied a succession of appointments on the staff in Montreal, Royal Military College, and in Winnipeg. He was appointed to command Military District No. 7 (Saint John), as Brigadier in 1935 and later was transferred to command Military District No. 4 (Montreal) in 1935. In December, 1938, he left Montreal to take over Military District No. 2 (Toronto) and was promoted to Major-General in 1940.

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Hundreds of German prisoners of war were landed at an eastern Canadian port and were sent to internment camps in the interior of Canada.

BRITISH AIR ACTION IN ABYSSINIA

ABYSSINIA, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Concentrated and repeated British air action in Abyssinia, in co-operation with Abyssinian patriots, is beginning to have a devastating effect behind the Italian lines, cables the DAILY MAIL'S special correspondent in Khartoum.

If the present trend continues, the next few months may see a sudden crack of Italian resistance in East Africa.

The latest evidence of the R. A. F.'s power, is the breaking morale shown by the sequel of a recent mass daylight raid on the important Italian base of Danghila in the province of Gojjam, north-west of Abyssinia.

Within 72 hours, half of the thousands of Banda—irregular levies—employed by the Italians at Gojjam, had deserted to the villages or to patriot ranks.

Appeals to Italy's native forces to abandon the fight, began with the scattering of proclamations from Emperor Haile Selassie, headed with his seal and a sonorous text from the Psalms, which is the watchword for the revolt: "Abyssinia stretches out hands to God."

With increased patriot activities to back up propaganda, desertions from the Italian ranks increased from 200 to 300 per cent.

TO "PLAY THE DEVIL"

A message from Sydney, said that young Australian officers are destined to play a great part in Africa.

They have set out into the heart of Africa to "play the devil" as they put it, with the Italian communications in Abyssinia.

Emperor Haile Selassie, addressing the first contingent of Abyssinian troops which these officers are to lead, asked them to fear God and to fight with all their might for their country.—(Special)

TOKYO, January 23 (Reuter).—Prince Konye, the Prime Minister, attended a conference between representatives of the Government and heads of the fighting forces today.

United States To Build An Emergency Merchant Fleet

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The emergency appropriation of \$313,000,000 for the building of 200 new cargo-ships to meet the threat of world shipping shortage was recommended yesterday by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.

BURMA-CHINA RAILWAY

QUESTION RAISED IN COMMONS

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Hamilton Kerr asked Mr. L. S. Amery (Secretary for India and Burma) whether, in view of the possibility of the proposed Burma-Yunnan road for transport of Lancashire textiles into China after the war, he will suggest to the Burmese Government the desirability of preparing a section of this railway leading from the head of the present Burmese Railway to the Chinese frontier.

Mr. Amery replied that the problems which the project of the Burma-Yunnan railway presents are receiving the urgent consideration of the Government.

The engineering difficulties are very great and so is the question of supply in the present conditions of material required.

Republican Opposition To Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Lease and Lend Bill was described as a measure "to authorise an undeclared war in the name of peace, and dictatorship in the name of defending Democracy," by Mr. Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, testifying before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday.

First formal indication of the attitude of the Republican minority towards the Bill in Congress was given by Senator McNary, Republican vice-presidential candidate in the recent presidential elections.

Senator McNary announced he opposed the Bill in its present form "because it grants extraordinary and total power to one person."

He emphasised, however, that he favoured all aid to Britain short of war.

UNITED STATES EXPORT BAN ON RUSSIA LIFTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The lifting of a moral embargo on the export of aeroplanes and air equipment to the Soviet Union is not likely to affect the form of war supplies to Britain, according to well-informed quarters here.

No orders Russia could place could be fulfilled before 1943, if then.

The lifting of the embargo is little more than a "fine gesture." Apart from the moral embargo, there are also a number of other restrictions on the shipment of materials necessary for defence needs and connected with plans to turn United States industry into an arsenal for Britain.

Asked at the press conference whether the material shipped to Russia might reach Germany, Mr. Cordell Hull replied, "I think you will find that the usual interest of this government in that phase of the situation is being taken."

GREEKS IN EGYPT MOBILISED

CAIRO, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Greek Government has ordered the mobilisation of Greek citizens throughout Egypt between the ages of 20 to 45.

The formation of an Army Corps named the "Hellenic Column in Egypt" will follow.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

According to statistics just released here, the co-operative societies in Kwangsi in the past year totalled 18,332 units with a membership of 540,177 persons, 233,987 shares and an aggregate share-capital of \$777,156. — (Central News).

U.S. JUDGE TO RETIRE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Justice McReynolds, of the United States Supreme Court, notified President Roosevelt that he would retire on Feb. 1.

Justice McReynolds served on the Court for 26 years and was the only Judge whom the Administration described as "conservative."

His retirement gives President Roosevelt the opportunity to make his sixth appointment to the Nine-Man Court.

Attorney General Robert H. Jackson has frequently been mentioned as the next possible appointee.

FRENCH SHIP INTERCEPTED

ATTEMPTED TO RUN BLOCKADE

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Confirmation that the French steamer Mendoza, which was trying to run the blockade from South America to Europe, has been intercepted by the British, was given by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Wedgwood (Ind.) who had suggested that the Mendoza was sunk, interposed to ask whether this "business of hedge-hopping along the coast of South America is to continue indefinitely with all French ships."

Mr. Alexander reminded Mr. Wedgwood that "the question of the international law affects not only the nation whose ships are intercepted but also other nations who are very friendly to us."

OVER-SEAS LEAGUE TOBACCO FUND

The Over-Seas League have made an appeal through the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong, for collections on behalf of their Tobacco Fund for the Fighting Forces. Persons desiring to subscribe to this fund might kindly send in their donations to the Hon. Treasurer, British War Organisation Fund, c/o The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, specifically marked "Tobacco Fund." Such monies will be forwarded to the League in due course.

WILLKIE TAKES TRENCH HELMET TO ENGLAND!

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Wendell Willkie left yesterday in the Yankee Clipper en route to London.

Before leaving the airport Mr. Willkie said: "I believe strongly that survival of England is the best assurance for keeping America out of this war and I think we should support the fighting men of Britain so that they can stop the onslaught of Hitlerism. I hope free men all over the world will join to stop totalitarianism."

A borrowed trench helmet was included in Mr. Willkie's luggage.

BRIGHT FUTURE SEEN FOR CHINA

"The international situation is favourable to China and a bright future lies ahead of her," declared General Li Tsung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangsi forces, in a Press interview.

"It is gratifying to note," General Li added, "that the Powers friendly to China have now realised China is also fighting for them and are therefore no longer holding an aloof attitude. It is obvious that a victory for China will be of great significance to the Democracies."

Gen. Li stated that Japan is faced with a mounting war budget and a deterioration of the morale of the army, especially the infantry, cavalry and engineering units. However, there is a slight improvement of her mechanised units both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Recalling the operations in north, central and west Hupeh in Nov. last year, Gen. Li said that the Japanese were induced to leave their strongholds and subjected to heavy attacks, resulting in the annihilation of over 20,000 of them. In spite of the employment of large numbers of aeroplanes and tanks, and superior fire the Japanese were unable to avert defeat because of their poor morale.

MORALE EXCELLENT

On the contrary, Gen. Li continued, the morale of the Chinese troops is excellent. Though they are provided with very poor food, they have not the least complaint. Fortunately as a result of the success of the Warm Garment Campaign all Chinese troops on the front are provided with warm clothing this winter.

Questioned if Japan will proceed with her southward expansion programme, Gen. Li replied that this problem should be viewed from two angles. If Japan takes into consideration her military difficulties in China, her economic strain and the uncertainty of Soviet Russia's attitude, she may avoid rash action. However, in view of the fact that Britain has her hands full in the European war, that the United States has not yet completed her military preparations and that Anglo-American co-operation in the Pacific has not yet been fully established, she may take a risk. — (Central News).

Kweichow To Eradicate Opium Evil

With the complete suppression of poppy cultivation in the province, as a result of the rigid enforcement of the anti opium measures during the past few years, the Kweichow Provincial Government and the Pacification Headquarters for Kweichow and Yunnan are taking joint measures to completely eradicate the opium evil.

A set of regulations has been drawn up by the two authorities, prohibiting traffic in and sale of opium and the storing up of smoking paraphernalia and opium refuse. The regulations will be strictly enforced throughout the province, and capital punishment will be meted out to any person found guilty of violation of them. — (Central News).

BIG COTTON CROP IN KWEICHOW

A big cotton crop, totalling more than 180,000 piculs, was harvested last year in Kweichow as a result of promotion efforts. Cotton was planted in a total area of 6,800 mow in 39 districts of the province.

In order to further increase production, the provincial authorities are planning to extend the area of cultivation by another 10,000 mow, which is expected to yield an output of some \$5,000,000. — (Central News).

LONDON NEUTRAL CIRCLES PERTURBED BY SPENDER'S SPEECH

Chinese circles as well as certain neutral foreign quarters in London were perturbed by the Australian War Minister Mr. J. A. Spender's radio broadcast from Singapore upon his arrival there.

Mr. Spender, it may be recalled, said in part, "We have no quarrel with Japan, and Australians fervently hope that the Pacific for all time will remain true to its name. We can't help thinking that Germany has used Japan as a pawn and I hope that the Japanese people will realise that continued friendly relations will not only be to our own interests but also equally theirs."

During the Press conferences of the Ministry of Information given on Jan. 14 and 15 questions were successively raised by American, Russian and Chinese journalists, asking if the text of the speech has been submitted and agreed to by the Foreign Minister and whether the statement represents the British Government's and/or the Australian Government's policy.

British official quarters made the following comment. Firstly, undue importance should not be attached to this statement.

Secondly, the statement in no way affects British policy toward China and the Far East.

Thirdly, the statement does not imply a departure from British parallel policy with that of the United States in the Pacific and the Far East.

WISDOM QUESTIONED

Nevertheless Chinese and foreign neutral circles in London question the wisdom of the speech in view of the fact that it was made upon Mr. Spender's return from Egypt where he visited the Middle East British forces and also, immediately after a long talk with the British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

Furthermore, since he spoke in the capacity of the War Minister of Australia which is a member of the British Commonwealth warring with the Axis Powers, Japan's allies, it is to be questioned if the speech could be taken as representing the British Government's view. If the speech was made with the hope of changing Japan's policy, these circles are convinced that it will be ineffective as "a leopard does not change spots in the twinkling of an eye."

It is felt that the speech cannot be glossed over, however undiplomatic, when it is recalled that the results of previous appeasement were contrary to expectation. Following the closure of the Burma Road, the newly-reformed Japanese Cabinet became full-blooded Fascist, and more aggressive toward Britain and contracted the Triple Alliance with Britain's mortal enemies working for Britain's destruction. It is questioned if the lesson has been well learned.

It is learned that when Parliament reassembles, questions will be raised whether the statement represents British and Australian official policy.

DISTINCTLY UNFAVOURABLE

Interviewed by Mr. W. A. Farmer, representative of the Australian Newspaper Service in London, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, declared that he was informed that Mr. Spender's statement "We have no quarrel with Japan" caused distinctly unfavourable impressions in China because it is incompatible with President Roosevelt's message to Congress on help for victims of aggression.

Ambassador Quo added that Mr. Spender's statement implies that Australia either does not regard Japan as an aggressor or continues the policy of appeasement. "I am certain that the statement was received as badly in America as it pleased the Japanese who are delighted by such kindness in an interview."

Nanking Bank Notes Rejected

The notes issued by the so-called Nanking "Central Reserve Bank" are meeting with scorn in Shanghai where they have been put into circulation. Except the gambling dens, Japanese banks and merchants, both the Chinese public and the foreign Banks and firms are unanimously refusing to accept them.

The authorities of the puppet bank are planning to take full advantage of the Customs in Shanghai to push the circulation of its worthless notes. Payment of Customs duties in these notes is to be made compulsory. — (Central News).

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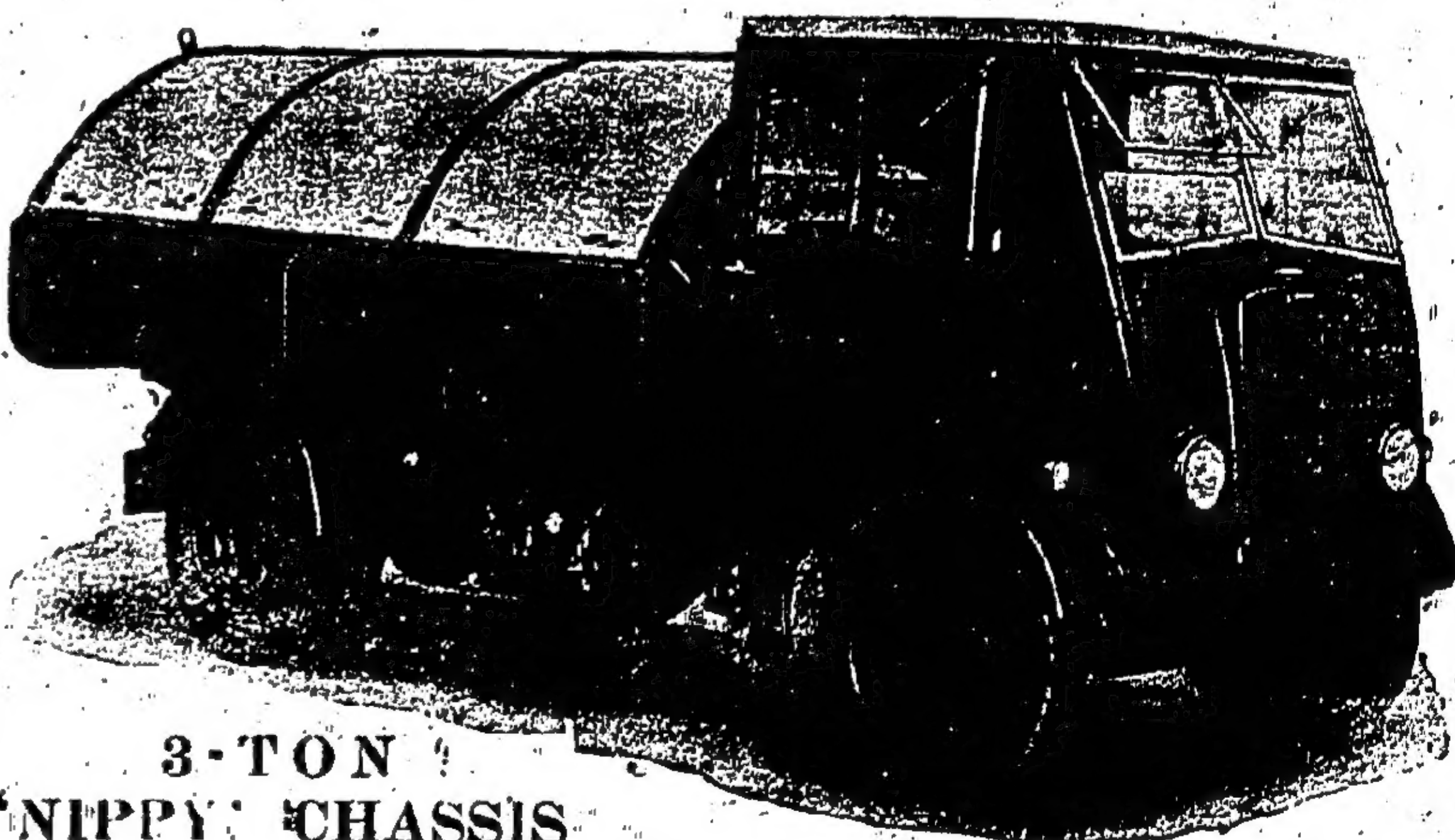
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LONDON'S POLICE IN WAR-TIME

One source only there is for self-satisfaction in these times—a conviction that one is pulling one's weight for all one is worth. On the strength of this the London police are justified in looking self-satisfied and feeling content with their lot.

"It is a harder lot than in the idyllic times of 'The Pirates of Penzance.' Not, of course, that a murmur on that score is to be heard. The police are in the London battle with the firemen, the wardens, the 'busmen' and all the others who are acting on the motto of Giles Hoggett in the famous novel, 'It's dogged as does it!'"

All the same, there is no reason for not saying that the London police are today doing such a job of work as has fallen to no other police force in history writes Richard Capell.

To talk of anyone being exactly happy in the circumstances may seem to be stretching a point. On my own responsibility I should not venture so far. But when a hard-boiled police officer uses the phrase about his men it is worth quoting.

A divisional superintendent said to me: "The young men are happy to be in action. They felt out of it when fellows of their age went off to France and were fighting Germans, but in the last month or so they have had their share of what you may call the front line."

The remark was made during a tour undertaken to see the inside of the work of the Metropolitan Police in time of stress. An early impression which was deepened by everything heard and seen later was that nothing that has happened since the assault on London began has come as a surprise to Scotland Yard.

It is three years since the Metropolitan Commissioner, Sir Philip Game, started preparing for just such conditions as London is experiencing today, and the enemy can do much worse and still not upset the London police organisation.

True, the oddities of the administration of London are a bit of a handicap to the police in wartime. Boroughs and police divisions are so far from coinciding that there may be three or even four different local authorities in one divisional area.

Then there is the independent City Police, whose territory is represented on the Scotland Yard maps as a small white autonomous island in the middle of the 700 variously coloured square miles served by the Metropolitan Police, whose radius goes out 15 miles from Charing Cross.

IF A SIREN IS PUT OUT OF ACTION

How, in what may be called the domestic aspect, the preparation made by the police for emergencies works in practice, was shown the other week when a subdivisional station as near as nothing got a direct hit. Half the station was blown inside out, and there were casualties. But within an hour and a quarter the staff was efficiently at work in the emergency quarters long before allotted to it.

The strength of the Metropolitan Police is that of an army corps, or approaching 35,000 men, but they are none too many for the work to be done, which includes all the things you would expect and some others.

The sounding of the sirens—on R.A.F. instructions, of course—is one of the jobs of the police. There are 450 sirens in the Metropolitan area; and since an unlucky bomb may put one or another out of action a large fleet of cars is ready, equipped with sirens to go out and spread warnings.

Another job, as difficult as any, is the spotting of unexploded bombs. There are now inspectors who are being put through a special bomb course and are by way of becoming experts in discriminating between these tiresome engines.

UNEXPLODED BOMBS

All night the stations receive reports from the public about unexploded bombs, and each has to be investigated, though generally there has been an explosion—far away. A distant bomb is taken by many people to be nearer than it is and assumed not to have gone off.

Then there are many reports received from the public of mysterious lights and suspected tappings—messages to the enemy, or so supposed—and these cannot be pooh-poohed out of hand, however fanciful. Incendiary bombs very often are first spotted by constables on their beats. "And it is wonderful," said a chief inspector who knows everything that has happened to a certain afflicted quarter of London in the last six weeks, "how many they have put out."

Strictly speaking, the work of rescuing persons caught in the collapse of houses does not belong to the police, but the occasions have been many when police officers have rushed in to aid the rescue squads or to begin the work before they were on the scene. After a bad night there is a stream of people calling at the station to inquire about relations and friends.

The compiling of a casualty list is part of the work of Scotland Yard. The lists are printed by the Yard's own press and are circulated to all stations. In these lists has appeared no insignificant number of Metropolitan policemen, for 54 have lost their lives and 372 have been injured.

"FAR TOO MUCH GLASS IN LONDON"

A remarkable proportion of injuries received by Londoners in these weeks has been caused by glass, and mentioning this, a police officer of authority made a remark worth quoting. "There is," he said "far too much glass in London—unbroken glass. I am astonished that there should still be such expanses of it—all unprotected and a possible danger any day. Nine-tenths of it or more should be bricked up. 'Glass-houses should be turned into fortresses!'"

He went on to marvel at the continued display of valuable goods in shop windows—jewellery in particular—often a few doors only from wrecked shops. This led to the question of looting.

While there has been a good deal of pilfering in damaged streets in some districts, looting—in the serious sense in which the police use the word—has been uncommon. That is to say that far too many Londoners have been indelicate enough to pocket an object or two that has caught their eye among wreckage; but the ruffians who set out to make a business of robbing disaster-stricken shopkeepers and householders are a tiny minority. Of concerted banditry there has been none at all.

Turning over sheet after sheet of detailed police reports, which descend on headquarters thick as October's drifting leaves in our neglected gardens, I see again and again the entry, "Morale good."

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Finance and Commerce

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Its main factory, founded by the late Mr. Chan Pu-lam more than 20 years ago, was in Canton, the Hongkong plant being its branch. It fell into Japanese hands when Canton was occupied by the invaders in 1938.

The Hongkong factory, established in 1929 by the present general manager, Mr. Chan Bat-tung, and capitalised at HK\$350,000, is the largest one of its kind owned by Chinese in this Colony. With the staff of the Canton plant transferred here, it is now exerting its utmost to increase and improve its productions.

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A.S. Watsons	200 11.15
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engines, vertical two cycle fuel oil engines, rice milling machines, rice polishers, disc shellers, ground-nut flour grinders, oil cake disintegrators, self-oil bull-doser power pumps and single stage air compressors.

Besides the interior provinces, many of the machines manufactured by the factory are supplied to factories in Hongkong, including the Hongkong Brewery and Distillery, Ltd., the Fung Keong Rubber Manufactory, and many rice mills here.

Practically all the engines and their accessories of the ferries of the Hongkong and Yau-mai Ferry Co., Ltd. are made by this factory.

DUTCH GOVT. TO STOCK UP FOOD SUPPLIES

PURCHASING OFFICE OPENED IN U.S.

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Government has made arrangements for the purchase and storage of food and materials for the ultimate benefit of the people of the Netherlands.

When the Netherlands Government was forced to leave the country in order to continue their functions on foreign soil, the Netherlands was left with ample stores of food and raw materials.

Nazi exploitation of the Netherlands and its peoples, according to Dutch circles here, are seen to have reduced available stocks to the minimum and serious hardship is now being experienced by the Dutch populace.

EXPERT APPOINTED

Queen Wilhelmina has just appointed the Netherlands commercial expert, Van Stolk, to contract all purchases for the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs.

The purchasing office is to open in New York and goods will be purchased from the Netherlands East Indies, the British Empire and America so that the Netherlands Government has sufficient food and materials available to start replenishment in the Netherlands at the first opportunity.

New Cancer Discoveries

Last year Drs. Elsas and Wallace created something of a sensation by publishing their discovery that when pregnant rabbits were inoculated with the urine of persons suffering from advanced cancer the embryo died and abortion followed.

Embryos and cancers are both growths. If the urine of cancerous patients could stop growth

of an embryo hope was held out that it might be possible by some means to stop the growth of cancer too.

The work of Drs. Elsas and Wallace has been followed up by J. O. Ely of the Biochemical Foundation of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, under the directorship of Dr. Ellice McDonald. Mr. Ely injected into pregnant rats the urine of human cancer sufferers.

The rats lost weight, dozed a good deal of the time, bled and eventually recovered, with disappearance of the embryos by resorption all of which is even more remarkable than what Drs. Elsas and Wallace reported.

"Mr. Ely naturally tried to find out what was in the urine of sufferers from cancer that brought about this remarkable result. He was not able to answer, but he did find that active solutions of the urine of even a healthy man arrested pregnancy in rats and mice and that again the fetus was resorbed."

SARCOMAS
Dr. Paul E. Steiner of the University of Chicago, announces in Science that he had prepared

from the livers of persons who died of cancer an extract which when injected under the skin of mice produced sarcomas.

Followers of this department will recall that Dr. John F. Menke of Stanford University Hospital had previously obtained from human breast cancer an unidentified substance or factor, which, when transplanted into mice, produced cancer in its turn—the first time in medical history that human cancer had incontestably been transmitted to an animal.

Dr. Steiner's work goes a step further, because he does not inject something obtained directly from human cancer but from unaffected livers of cancerous patients. Moreover, he proved that healthy human livers contained nothing that would produce cancer in mice.

Before Dr. Steiner performed his work Dr. L. M. Schabad had reported in the Comptes Rendus of the French Society of Biology, the production of tumours by a benzene extract of a liver from a patient with primary carcinoma of the stomach. Dr. Steiner was unable to confirm this result even though he used heavy doses

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Arrivals from Manila by the "Kamo Maru" yesterday were Mr. Y. Okayama and Mr. E. U. de Jesus. There were 130 transit passengers from Australian and Philippines ports for Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Nagoya, the large majority Japanese.

DUTCH VESSEL

Arrivals by a Dutch vessel yesterday from Manila were Mr. E. L. Broadus, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Rose and child, and Major Mr. G. O. F. Alley. Arrivals from Sourabaya were Sgt. A. Martins, Mr. J. Junior, Mr. J. Xavier and 17 Indian guards of the Macao police.

Through passengers for Shanghai by the same vessel were Mrs. C. M. Bacten, Mrs. N. Beek, Miss L. M. Francis, Mr. E. Heenan, Mrs. T. P. Stonham, Mr. A. H. Schuak, Dr. E. Schlager, Miss I. Baeten, Mr. and Mrs. E. Solovieff and Miss G. Solovieff.

SUBMARINE-CHASERS FOR U.S. NAVY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed the Bill authorizing the expenditure of \$7,000,000 for the construction of 400 submarine chasers and other small craft and the expansion of shipbuilding facilities. The measure now goes to the Senate.

BRITISH DESTROYER TORPEDOED

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—It was officially announced here yesterday that the British destroyer Hyperion was damaged by a torpedo or mine and had subsequently to be sunk by British forces.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m. Jan. 23.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.83 ins.
Temperature 74 F.
Humidity, 90 per cent.
Wind Direction, S.W.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature: Maximum yesterday 77 F.
Temperature: minimum last night 69 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 p.m. today, 0.48 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st 3.72 ins.
Against an average of 0.59 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6.05 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.05 a.m.
4 p.m., Jan. 23.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.74 ins.
Temperature, 78 F.
Humidity, 87 per cent.
Wind Direction, WSW.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.
Maximum temperature, 77 F.
Minimum temperature, 69 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 24 to 30 Jan. 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	24	h.m. 08 04	4.3
		h.m. 12 07	1.6
Sat.	25	h.m. 09 06	4.4
		h.m. 12 07	3.5
Sun.	26	h.m. 09 58	4.4
		h.m. 13 00	3.4
Mon.	27	h.m. 09 49	4.5
		h.m. 03 04	0.9
Tues.	28	h.m. 10 27	4.8
		h.m. 03 39	0.7
Wed.	29	h.m. 11 03	4.7
		h.m. 01 13	0.6
Thur.	30	h.m. 11 34	4.9
		h.m. 04 47	0.7
		h.m. 12 08	1.0
		h.m. 06 17	2.9
		h.m. 23 14	6.7
		h.m. 16 39	2.9

TRAINING PERIOD FOR AIR CREWS REDUCED

The output of pilots, observers and airgunners under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in Canada is being considerably increased by a further reduction in the training period for air crews at the advanced training schools under the plan, Air Minister, C.G. Power recently announced. While originally the plan was laid down to turn out approximately 22,000 airmen annually when the plan reached its full scale operations, Major Power said that as a result of the recent acceleration over 30,000 airmen of the three types will be turned out in a year.

The training period at the advanced training schools here was first scheduled to be 16 weeks for each student. It was cut to 14 weeks and now it is being further reduced to allow longer postgraduate training overseas. This further acceleration in the Training Plan now being worked out had been made possible because Canada "now has ample training facilities, elementary schools and planes, to handle a larger number of men than originally planned."

Also, the additional "operational training" to be given in Britain fits into this stepped up scheme. It is felt that additional training in Britain under exact war flying conditions will better fit graduates of the Air Training Plan than a longer training period of "theoretical" flying in Canada would have done.

MORE RECRUITS

The Minister explained that more Canadian recruits can now be taken in and trained and, also, more Australian and New Zealand pilots, who have taken their elementary training at home, can be given their advance training here. With more men to be taken into the Canadian elementary training schools, all of which are carried on by civilian training companies, additional barrack buildings and other accommodations will have to be provided.

There is no shortage of planes for the elementary training stages, while the planes for the more advanced training period are constantly being delivered.

The first batch of Australian pilots to arrive in Canada is now being given advanced training. Other groups of Australian and New Zealand pilots, in larger numbers than originally expected, will continue to arrive in Canada in the ensuing months.

DERELICT JUNK

A derelict junk, sighted in Lat. 22 deg. 19' N. long. 114 deg. 24' E. at 04.20 hrs. G.M.T., has been reported by the Naval Authorities.

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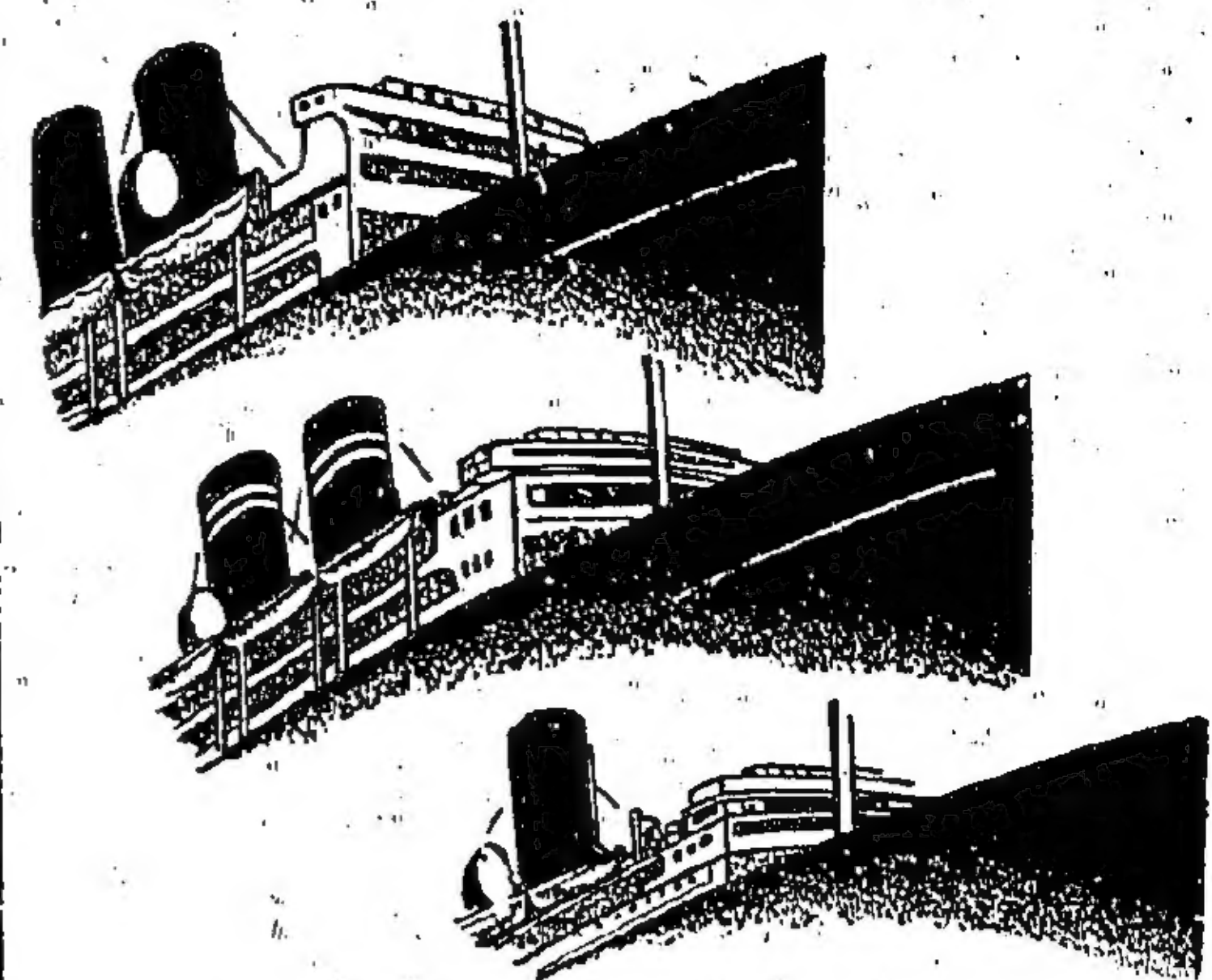
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Complete Failure Of Government's Attempt

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be discussed in a later article. Among these 40,000 are girls ranging from 11 to 16 years of age—the ages at which, according to Government Ordinance No. 5 of 1938 (Section 5), it would constitute an act of misdemeanor to have carnal knowledge of the girls, and which, according to Section 29 of the same Ordinance, is punishable by imprisonment not exceeding two years!

TRAFFICK METHODS

How are these girls enticed into this profession? Methods used by the traffickers are varied but, in Hongkong, the most general ones are—

Firstly, the acceptance of girls as security against loans which the lenders, at the time of lending, have no intention of having repaid. To give an instance of this: a poor refugee woman, with one or more nice looking daughters aged from 11 years to 18, would be approached by a woman with the offer of a loan, on very lenient terms, repayable at borrower's own convenience. The borrower accepts it gratefully and signs the promissory note, thanking at the same time, her gods for sending a fairly godmother. No time of repayment is stated in the note.

At the expiry of two months, the borrower would be approached by the lender and asked for the return of the loan which, needless to say, the poor woman would be unable to do. She would then be offered two alternatives—take the risk of being arrested on the false charge of obtaining money by false pretences or give one of her daughters as security. Ignorant of the local law, and reasoning on the line that if she went to prison her daughters would starve, she reluctantly must comply with the alternative—hoping, and praying, that her little girl (who, in all likelihood, had been with her through bombing raids in Canton or the country and had trekked with her, and their scanty belongings, down to this sanctuary) will henceforth lead the rosy life, pictured before her eyes by the devil-incarnate in human guise.

Secondly, through the avariciousness of their mothers (what a travesty of the real meaning of that word, mother). These women—some of whom are fairly well off—would, in their greed, leave their daughters with mistresses of prostitutes on the understanding that the takings are divided between them (the woman and the mistress), the mistress taking the lion's share; and

Thirdly, voluntary enrollment by the girls themselves. These girls either rent their own flats (two to three girls sharing a flat), or arrange to share their "profits" with the mistresses they work under. This article is not concerned with this type of prostitutes, as those connected with social work could testify, they are the "impossibles."

There is, however, another class of prostitutes who will receive the sympathy of all parents—the seduced girl who, after having been betrayed by the man she loved, was left to face the "decent" world's condemnation alone. Shunned by her friends, cast out by her family, and unable to face the scorn (real and imaginary) of those she knows, the poor girl adopts the policy of "might as well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb" and begin her downward journey via the "kept woman" route, arriving, after a few years of bitter experience, at a brothel.

READILY FALL PREYS

Neither the mothers who might have been forced to allow their daughters to lead a life of immorality, nor the girls who so readily fall prey to the glib tongues of the traffickers, realise that prostitution is a one-way road leading direct to the grave. The stopping places are, in the majority of cases, ill-treatment, bitterness of soul, and diseases. No girl, under the existing law, where prostitution is illegal, can ever hope to be redeemed—as some of her more fortunate sisters were in the days of licensed brothels.

A social worker, whose opinions are usually taken as authoritative, told a Hongkong Daily Press reporter that the large influx of refugees is one of the contributory factors to the increase, in the large number of prostitutes during the past years. Another important factor is overcrowding—where young girls sleeping in bed-spaces in the corridors of crowded flats are interfered with by male co-tenants! (These girls, when abandoned, would fall easy prey to the "brokers" for brothels).

"Prostitution," in the opinion of the speaker, "can never be stamped out, but it should be regularised if the present high percentage of V.D. cases is to be combated effectively."

REGULARISE PROSTITUTION

The only way to regularise prostitution is for Government to reconsider, in the light of their experience of prohibition, the question of the reopening of licensed houses. In these houses the girls are, at least, under Government supervision—medically and so far as treatment is concerned—and should go far to abolish the present farcical position of prohibiting licensed houses but having thousands of sly brothels.

While Government discuss the question with the Unofficial Members of the Council, and while appointing a Commission to investigate the matter fully, the more rigid application of Section 17 (as 4) of Ordinance 5 of 1938 would go somewhat towards partial attainment of Government's aim when the closing order was made.

Under the sub-section in question, it was enacted that "every female who is proved to have, for the purpose of gain, any control, direction, or influence over the movements of a prostitute in such a manner as to show that she is aiding, abetting, or compelling her prostitution with any person, or generally, shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months."

OPENLY EXERCISED

Proof of such control being openly exercised might be obtained by the Police in Hennessy Road, Swatow Street, Amoy Street, Spring Garden Lane, in the Wan-chai district, Wal Ching Street, Jordan Road, Reclamation Street (from Yaumati to Mongkok), Lai-chuk Road, Namcheong St., Pakhoi Street, to name but a few of the places where girls might be seen "street walking" accompanied by "amahs."

These "amahs" carry out all the necessary negotiations and their

TURKEY FULLY PREPARED

ANKARA, Jan. 23 (Reuter)—A warning that "any Power that wishes to strike against the immovable rock of Turkey" will find the "steel of Turkish arms" ready on the frontier, was given on the Ankara radio last night.

Commenting on the rumours of troop movements in the Balkans, the announcer said that Turkey awaits fully prepared to defend her independence with the bulk of the Army concentrated in the Straits.

IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Canada has taken one more important step toward self-sufficiency in the production of war weapons and supplies. It was recently revealed that airplane engines will be built in the Dominion so that Canadian defence forces will not be so dependent on supplies from Britain and the United States.

Through this new plan Canada will be able to ship complete planes to the United Kingdom, whereas at the present time Canadian companies are building only the frames for the Royal Air Force. These are shipped overseas and the engines are installed in British plants. For training ships Canada is purchasing some engines from both the United States and Britain.

Negotiations are now under way with an English firm to obtain patents and plans for a British engine. Skilled craftsmen will be brought to Canada to supervise the construction of a plant and the engines. The bulk of the factory workers will be Canadian.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on a mass production basis, it is estimated that with the help of skilled British craftsmen and their patents and plans, Canadian authorities hope to be in production within a few months.

Exchange Of Civilian Prisoners

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter)—"In view of the privations suffered by women and children of Palestinian families detained in Germany" the British government is endeavouring to expedite the exchange of such persons with German women and children at present detained in Palestine. Action has already been taken. Mr. G. H. Hall, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, told the House of Commons and it was hoped as a result of the good offices of the United States to effect such an exchange on a reciprocal basis. Negotiations are somewhat protracted but they are going on as speedily as possible.

Australian Soldiers "Bomb" Minister

SYDNEY, Jan. 23 (Reuter)—Mr. Percy Spender, the Australian Army Minister, was "bombed" in his car by sky-larking soldiers here yesterday.

The "bomb," which was made of a mixture of flour and chalk, "exploded" over Mr. Spender's chauffeur. The soldiers, who were in a military truck with a shark tied to the back, threw the bomb as Mr. Spender was on his way from Palm Beach to the city.

Mr. Spender took the "bombing" in good part, saying, "The boys were having a good time. I don't intend to take any action."

LONDON, Jan. 23 (Reuter)—The Ministry of Food states that all oranges produced in the British West Indies in the coming year must be bought by the British Government.

An elderly Chinese male, while crossing the road, was knocked down by a tramcar at Hennessy Road, near Percival Street, yesterday about 12.30 p.m. He was sent to hospital.

girls are forced to accept the customers once the bargain is struck!

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 24th JANUARY, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Calcutta and Straits	28th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date 10th January)	28th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd January	30th Jan.
Sandakan	30th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	31st Jan.
Java and Manila	5th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 17th January)	8th Feb.

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Canton	Sun. 26th 5.00 PM
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Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	Wed. 29th 8.30 AM
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Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	
THURSDAY	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, and Formosa	Thu. 30th G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par. 29th 5.00 PM Reg. 29th 5.45 AM Ord. 30th 10.30 AM 3.30 PM
K.P.O.	
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Ord.	5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
Parcels	4.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
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THURSDAY	
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IMPETUS TO INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

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These expenditures, which in the immediate future will exceed the \$345,000,000 mark chiefly cover purchases to meet the current needs of the defence forces, and range from puttees to planes, from chemicals to warships, and from X-ray machines to automotive transport.

The figure of total purchases does not include all of the amount being spent to build Government-owned plants to meet war needs, nor does it include purchases of material made through the Department of Munitions and Supply by the United Kingdom.

OVER \$445 MILLION

If these purchases, now amounting to over \$100,000,000 were included in the total, then purchases by the Canadian Department would run to over \$445,000,000. To be considered in conjunction with the foregoing figures are the expenditures and commitments for more than 100 new plants or plant extensions owned, by, or being built for, the British and Canadian governments. This programme of building involves a sum exceeding \$225,000,000.

The foregoing figures, however, represent only in part the effect of war on Canadian industry and business. Already the war demand has had its impact on the power industry where expansion, amounting to tens of millions of dollars, is in progress. Also, in addition to the plant financing undertaken by the Government, private interests have had to expand their plants in order to meet both civil and military needs.



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